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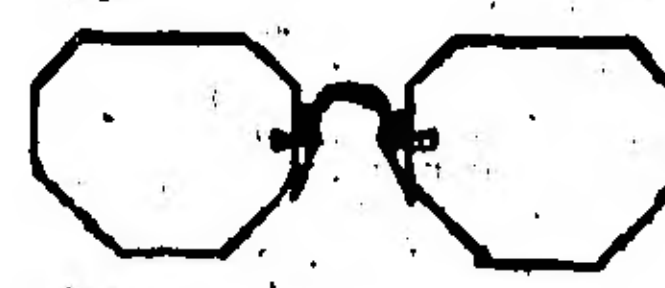
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SUTCLIFFE AND WYATT'S PARTNERSHIP

PONSFORD BRILLIANT.

PEEBLES BOWLS SPLENDIDLY AFTER RAIN

The second day's play in the fifth Test favoured the Australians. England's five remaining wickets put on only 89 runs, the innings closing for 405. Australia, at the close of play, were only 190 runs in arrears with eight wickets in hand.

Sutcliffe and Wyatt added 51 to their overnight total for the 6th wicket before Sutcliffe was out for a splendid 161. The partnership yielded 170 runs, thus breaking the record set up in 1905 by Spooner and J. Tyldesley, who scored 158 for the sixth wicket at the Oval.

The Australians batted in dashing style, Ponsford playing delightful cricket for his century. The pair batted in direct contrast to one another. Ponsford, going for the runs, had scored 110 to Woodfull's 40 at the tea interval. Both batsmen fell to Peebles, who bowled splendidly after the rain which interrupted play for a quarter of an hour.

DUCKWORTH'S LAPSE

London, Yesterday. Thirty thousand witnessed the second day's play in the fifth Test match at the Oval, the gates having to be closed at 11.15 a.m. The weather was beautiful and the cricket looked good.

Grimmett and Wall opened the bowling to Sutcliffe and Wyatt, the overnight not outs. After adding 51 runs, Sutcliffe was snapped up at the wicket off



W. H. Ponsford (Victoria).

Fairfax. He was at the wicket for 6 hours and three-quarters and was a model of monumental patience. He exploited all the best shots which yielded him ten 4's. With Wyatt he pulled England out of the fire with a record partnership of 170 for the 6th wicket. The previous record was held by Spooner and J. Tyldesley, who scored 158 at the Oval in 1905.

Wyatt's One Slip.

Tate did not last long, scoring 10 out of the dozen runs put on for the 7th wicket. Wyatt's great innings came to a close at the same total. He was out in exactly the same way as Sutcliffe after a patient innings lasting three hours. In his score of 84 were included eight 4's and he more than justified his selection.

Duckworth played a ball on to his wicket at 391 and with Larwood mistiming one of Grimmett's deliveries the innings closed for 405, scored in 465 minutes.

Fairfax came out with the best figures and did very well to break up the Sutcliffe-Wyatt partnership. Incidentally he captured the wickets of the two highest scorers. Grimmett's 4 wickets cost him 185 runs, and Wall, who did the damage at the commencement, had 2 wickets for 96 runs.

"Larwood Began" Dispelled. Woodfull and Ponsford opened the Australian batting and had scored 36 without loss at the luncheon interval. After lunch the Australians, contrary to all expectations, refused to be dominated by the idea of limitless cricket. The opening pair started off dashing, Ponsford dispelling the "Larwood bogey" settled down the quickest against the fast bowler, and had four boundary hits in his first twenty runs.

Tate was unfortunate when Ponsford was missed at the wicket when 48. Woodfull was also let off at the wicket when 6. Tate

again being the bowler. The bowling was not difficult and the score mounted up at a good rate. Ponsford was driving excellently and scored his century in 134 minutes. Woodfull was displaying a rock-like defence.

Ponsford Bowled.

At the tea interval the score had been taken to 159 without the loss of a wicket. Woodfull being 40 and Ponsford 110. On the resumption England met with success, Peebles' third ball, beautifully flighted, completely beat Ponsford. He had batted for 155 minutes and had hit eleven 4's. His late cutting was the feature of a bright innings.

Rain interrupted play for a quarter of an hour but a start was again made at 5.15 p.m. Woodfull with a single off Hammond registered his half-century, scored out of 200. Almost immediately afterwards he edged a ball from Peebles into Duckworth's hands. Bradman was then 16, and joined by Kippax, the pair scored steadily, both remaining till the end of play.

Peebles bowled splendidly after the rain and has at the moment taken 2 wickets for 76 runs.—Reuter.

Scores:—				
ENGLAND—First Innings.				
Hobbs, c Kippax, b Wall	47			
Sutcliffe, c Oldfield, b Fairfax	161			
Whysall, lb.w., b Wall	13			
K. S. Duleepsinhji, c Fairfax, b Grimmett	50			
Hammond, b McCabe	13			
Leyland, b Grimmett	3			
R. E. S. Wyatt, c Oldfield, b Fairfax	84			
Tate, st. Oldfield, b Grimmett	10			
Larwood, lb.w., b Grimmett	19			
Duckworth, b Fairfax	3			
L. A. R. Peebles, not out	19			
Extras	19			
Total	405			
Fall of Wickets.				
1	2	3	4	5
68	97	162	190	197
6	7	8	9	10
367	379	379	391	405

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	37	6	96	2
Fairfax	31	9	52	3
Grimmett	65.2	18	135	4
McCabe	22	4	49	1
Hornbrook	15	1	54	0
AUSTRALIA—First Innings.				
W. M. Woodfull, c Duckworth, b Peebles	54			
W. H. Ponsford, b Peebles	110			
D. G. Bradman, not out	27			
A. F. Kippax, not out	13			
Extras	13			
Total (for 2 wks.)	215			
Fall of the Wickets.				
1	2	3	4	5
68	97	162	190	197

TEST CASE AGAINST NEW YORK CUSTOMS.

North German Lloyd Claim for Recovery.

BRITISH APPLICANTS.

New York, Yesterday. The test action by the North German Lloyd Line against the Collector of Customs, New York, for the recovery of \$2,177 fines for bringing undesirable immigrants to New York, resulted in favour of the steamship company. Federal Judge Woolsey ruling that the Company were entitled to rely on the visas issued by American Consuls to prospective immigrants.

Over 50 similar actions by British and other foreign steamship companies are pending for the recovery of fines aggregating \$360,000.—Reuter's American Service.

MALTA COMMAND.

APPOINTMENT FOR MAJOR-GENERAL OLDFIELD.

BRILLIANT CAREERS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The War Office has announced that Major-General Oldfield has been appointed General Officer Commanding Malta, as with effect from February, 1931, in succession to Major-General Pritchard.—British Wireless Service.

[Major-General Leopold Charles Louis Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was born in February, 1872, being the third son of Colonel F. J. Oldfield, 3rd Buffs Light Cavalry. Educated at Clifton College, he entered the Army in 1892, and was promoted to Captain in 1900. In 1906 he became Adjutant, R.A., Major in 1909, Lieut.-Col. in 1915, and Major-General in 1926. He served throughout the European War in France and Flanders, being mentioned in despatches. From 1924-25 he was Chief Instructor in Gunnery to the School of Artillery, and during that time was A.D.C. to H.M. the King.

Major-General Harry Lionel Pritchard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was G.O.C. of Malaya until 1929, when he was appointed to the Malta Command, was born in November, 1871, being the son of Colonel Hurlock Pritchard. Educated at Charterhouse, he entered the Army in 1891, and was promoted to Captain in 1902. In 1911 he became Major and Major-General in 1928. Major-General Pritchard served in the Ashanti Expedition, from 1895-96, when he was mentioned in despatches, and also with the Dongola Expeditionary Force, 1896, the Nile Operations, 1897, and 1898 (when he received the D.S.O.) and the South African campaign, 1899-1902. He was severely wounded in the European War, and was mentioned four times in despatches for his services. From 1921-23 he was Chief Engineer of the Northern Command, and from 1923-25 Assistant Director of Fortifications and Works at the War Office. From 1925-29 he was Chief Engineer of the Eastern Command, and an A.D.C. to H.M. the King from 1926-29.]

VISIT TO MALTA.

FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY TO GO THIS WEEK.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces that the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, accompanied by his Naval Secretary, Rear-Admiral George Chetwode, will leave Britain next Thursday, August 21, to pay a visit to the Malta Headquarters of the Mediterranean Command. The Mediterranean Fleet will be present during the First Lord's visit.—British Wireless Service.

GENERAL HERTZOG.

London, Yesterday. The South African Premier, General Hertzog, accompanied by the Finance Minister, Mr. Havenga, have arrived in London, to attend the Imperial Conference.—Reuter.

SHOULD THE FOREIGN FILM BE BANNED?

Demoralising Pictures in the Colonies.

BRITISH FILM FIRST

Rugby, Yesterday. The report of the Colonial Films Committee is issued. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir William Brass, M.P., was appointed in March, 1929, by Mr. Amery, then Secretary for the Colonies. "To examine the arrangements existing for the supply and censorship of cinematograph films for public exhibition in the Colonies, protectorates, and mandated territories, and to consider in what way these arrangements could be improved."

There are also issued the findings of the Colonial Office Conference on the committee report and despatch from the Colonial Secretary to the Administrations of Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated territories, indicating the action which it is proposed to take.

The Committee's report suggests various practical measures by which a plant can be installed and experiments begun with a view to developing the use of the cinematograph as an instrument of education.

The Colonial Office Conference emphasises the importance of the use of films for children, but also for adults. As regards the supply of British films, the Committee points out that at present the market in the Colonial Empire is largely dominated by foreign films.

Demoralising Films. Apart from the existing cinemas, the Committee points to the possibility that in certain directions the market may expand rapidly. For example, there are only 38 cinemas in British territory in tropical Africa, although the population is approximately 36,000,000. They call attention to the importance of taking steps now in order that the British industry may get a footing in this market. They accordingly suggest the creation of a small central organisation in London under the auspices of the Federation of British Industries, to act as a centre for the supply of British Industries, to act as a centre for the supply of British films. A small Government guarantee is suggested during the initial year of operation of the Supervisory Board for this organisation.

On the question of censorship, the Committee points out the danger of demoralising films. They suggest certain measures for stiffening the proposal for a Central Censorship Board in London of all films going to tropical Africa, which should be carefully examined in the Colonial Office. They point out that, apart from the negative aspect of censorship, the positive aspect of fostering the supply of good films must also be considered.—British Wireless Service.

SPEED DEMONS.

"DANGEROUS PIECE OF DRIVING."

HIGH COST OF SPORT.

Two motor car drivers enjoyed a costly frolic on the Wong Nei Chong Gap Road on the evening of August 6, as a result of which Mr. R. E. Lindsell fined one \$75, and the other \$50, at Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist, who brought the matter to the notice of the Police, said that on the evening in question he was driving behind the two. On approaching a bend, the front car pulled out right across the road, apparently to prevent the other passing him. After rounding the bend, the second car drew abreast and the pair continued to race abreast round two blind corners at a speed he estimated as being from 25 to 30 miles an hour. He accordingly reported both for dangerous driving.

A Thoughtful Driver! One of defendants, after some demur pleaded guilty but the other

NO DRASTIC CHANGES

COLONIES' FUTURE SERVICES.

MORE SCOPE

THE RIGHT MEN FOR THE RIGHT POSTS.

London, Yesterday. The Colonial Office has issued a Memorandum in connection with the unification of the Colonial Services, in which it is declared that the recognition of the principle of a single Colonial Service does not in itself depend on any drastic practical change of present conditions.

The Memorandum further says that the Committee on the system of appointment in the Colonial Office and Colonial Services envisage a condition of affairs in which officers appointed to a single Colonial Service will accept on appointment liability to transfer from one Dependency to another.

The Memorandum stresses the advantages of unification, says that it will give the Secretary of State the fullest scope and will secure the right men for the right posts, and place to the best advantage the experience of officers of proved capacity.

The Memorandum points out, however, that the scheme does not involve a rigid, continuous movement of the personnel round the world. It concludes by stating that the proposal for unification holds out the prospect of considerable advantages to Colonial Governments.—Reuter.

FASTEST FLYING EVER SEEN.

American Airman at 300 Miles an Hour.

NAVY "MYSTERY" PLANE.

Rooseveltfield, Yesterday. Captain Page, of the U.S. Marine Corps, in the presence of Flight-Lieutenant Atherley and other visiting airmen, gave a display of the fastest flying ever seen here, piloting a new "mystery" Curtiss sea hawk monoplane, with an engine developing 800 horse power. The plane landed at a speed of nearly 100 miles an hour and rolled almost its length on the flying field. The greatest secrecy was observed about the plane, which is the Navy entry for the Thompson Trophy at Chicago on September 1. It was built for a speed of 300 miles an hour.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. TO GO DRY?

MOVE FOR OUTRIGHT REPEAL OF PROHIBITION.

CHANGED ATTITUDE.

Washington, Yesterday. Twenty-nine new votes in the next Congress for an outright repeal of Prohibition is declared to be assured as the result of recent party primaries, and the known changed attitude of certain representatives. The gains in the primaries hitherto total nine.—Reuter's American Service.

advanced the plea, that he was merely pulling out to safeguard following cars on a dangerous bend. To this Mr. Grist replied that when the car pulled out it was on a left-hand bend, which was not by any means dangerous. The dangerous driving occurred a little later.

Defendant called a witness, who could not give a very coherent story, and his counsel decided to convict, remarking sternly: "This is a very dangerous piece of driving. If you do it again I shall recommend that both your licences be taken away."

SITUATION GRAVE IN INDIA.

Afridi Gangs Still Causing Trouble.

PROPAGANDA MENACE.

London, Yesterday. The Government of India's appreciation of the situation up to August 16 says that the position in the North West Frontier province continues to be one of considerable gravity and danger. Detachments of the main force of Afridis remained at varying strength in Peshawar district throughout the week, and numerous large gangs were concealed in a thickly wooded belt to the south and south-east of Peshawar, and among the ravines to the east. They are a constant source of trouble and anxiety and have undoubtedly received shelter and food and some even active assistance from the villages in the neighbourhood of Peshawar.

But by the end of the week the Afridis in Peshawar district, and also the main body in the vicinity of Khajuri Plain, were greatly decreased. Nevertheless, there are other potential sources of danger in Peshawar district from other tribes in the north and south.

The report mentions the strenuous efforts of Congress agitators to spread propaganda in the Southern Kohat district.

Menace of Boycott. Economic conditions generally throughout India tend to deteriorate and the continued boycott of British goods, especially cloth, threatens imminent ruin to a large number of small Indian dealers, who are unable to resist the pressure of the social boycott and other methods of coercion.—Reuter.

Military Eluded.

Rugby, Yesterday. In an appreciation by the Government of India of the situation in India up to August 16, it is stated that the focus of interest in the tribal situation during the week has been the activities of an Afridi Lashkar in Peshawar District and on the district border. Detachments from the main Lashkar, which got into the district last week, remained there at varying strength. Numerous large gangs concealed themselves in the thickly wooded belt to the south and south-east of Peshawar and amongst the ravines further east, and were a constant source of trouble and anxiety to the authorities. They also made several unsuccessful attempts in small parties by night to enter the city and cantonments.

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FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The Chinese depression has moved North-eastward and is now central over Korea. A depression may be forming to the S.E. of Formosa.

Forecast:—S.W. winds moderate; fine.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consulate-General to-day:—

Cyclone or typhoon west of Bashi Channel, filling up. Long. of Hong Kong—114° 10' 27" Lat. of Hong Kong—22° 18' 18"

Rainfall

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 62.46 inches against an average of 61.09 inches.

Temperature and Humidity

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres, this morning at 9 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	83	91
Macao	84	86
Pratas Island	91	68
Manila	81	84
Poonchow	86	88
Amoy	80	92
Swatow	77	94
Chefoo	76	100
Shanghai	75	98

"SQUEEZE" OR A LOAN?

Indian on Bribery Charge.

TRIALS OF A HAWKER.

Ali Ahmed, an acting sergeant attached to No. 7 Police Station, was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with accepting bribes. The incident leading up to the charge was alleged to have occurred on Sunday last, when it is said that defendant took \$1.60 from an unlicensed hawkker whose "pitch" is in Centre Street.

Sub-Inspector McWalter was in charge of the case, and the first witness to be called was the hawkker, who said that he had been selling his wares in the area for about a year. During that time he had twice been arrested. On one occasion he was taken to the station, but the other time he was released.

Old "Friends."

Questioned by His Worship, complainant recognised defendant as Number B.446.

His Worship: How did you know his number?

Witness: He accepted money from me in the street.

His Worship: When did you first meet this man?

Witness: About the end of last year. He was inspecting licences, and when he saw I had not one he demanded money.

Witness went on to say that he had left for the country since that time, but returned later, when he again came across defendant, who repeated his request for "squeeze."

Monthly Terms.

Finally on August 9 defendant, who was in plain clothes, and of duty, came to him, and reminded him of an "arrangement" between them that witness should pay 80 cents per month for "protection." Defendant is alleged to have said "You haven't paid me for last month."

Witness replied that he had not been hawking in No. 7 area, and declined to pay. He was then threatened with arrest as soon as defendant came on duty next day!

Defendant again applied for his "arrangement money" on the 11th. Witness put him off on this occasion, and two or three times subsequently, and reported the circumstances to No. 7 Station on the 13th. He was advised to put the man off again. He returned to the station on the 16th, when he handed some money to the Police, who inspected it, and handed it back.

Captured!

On the morning of the 17th (Sunday) he was at his stall when defendant came along, and asked for the money. Witness paid him, whereupon defendant was immediately arrested by two Chinese constables.

Questioned by Inspector McWalter, witness said that he saw a European inspector in the background at the time of the arrest. Inspector Ellis, who was brought into Court, was the European he saw.

Inspector McWalter here interposed to state that the money was actually produced by witness on Sunday morning, the 17th. It was marked, and immediately handed back to him. Otherwise, witness's story appeared to be quite correct as to the Police actions.

An Old Loan?

Answering defendant witness said that a hawkker friend had told him to go the Police. Up to that time he had not been aware that he could approach them.

Defendant asked if it were not true that he had lent witness \$2 last Chinese New Year, and was merely demanding repayment. This witness emphatically denied. The case was adjourned until Saturday at 11 a.m., bail being fixed at \$1,000.

Another Charge.

Another charge of accepting bribes came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a private watchman employed by the Banque Franco-Chinoise was accused of impersonating a Police officer, and taking "squeeze" from hawkkers.

It was stated that Mr. A. E. Hall would appear for defendant. A remand of 48 hours was granted, on the application of Sub-Inspector Ellis.

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY ANNOUNCED that MONDAY, the 29th September, 1930, has been fixed by the Committee as the SETTLEMENT DAY for that month.

For the Hong Kong Share-brokers' Association:

A. H. CARROLL,

Chairman.
Hong Kong, 16th August, 1930.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
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Hong Kong, 9th August, 1930.

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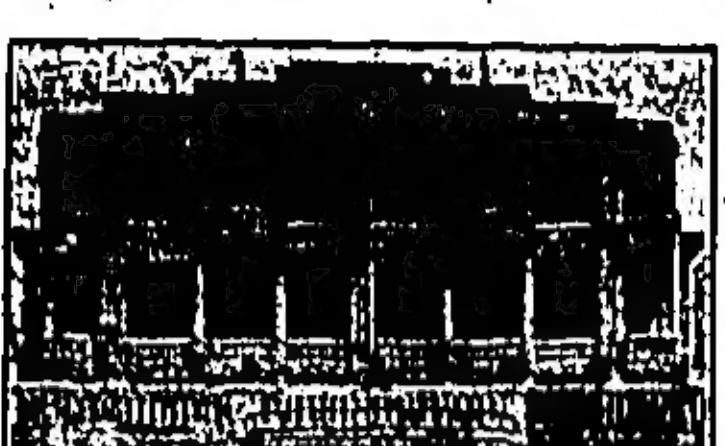
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AMUSEMENT NEWS

QUEEN'S present Charles Farrell and Mary Duncan in "City Girl." The story is as big as those vast ranches of rolling wheat that serve as a setting for much of the action. It tells of the yearning of a slaving waitress in Chicago for life in the country. Along comes Charles Farrell, the son of a "wheat king," and the waitress sees her dream approaching materialization. It is a grippingly human story with deft dialogue and photography. A talkie film.

CENTRAL again features Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald in "The Love Parade." "The whole tone of the picture is one of majestic lavishness of production blended with inspired simplicity and directness of action sequence. The songs fit neatly into the scheme, the plot unravels without a pause or an over-hasty leap, the characters are natural, the comedy is free-flowing and robust, the satire is spicy, the dialogue racy, yet not mauling—the picture, in sum, is an amazing piece of entertainment, one that marks a high point of achievement in the New Show World." A talkie film.

MAJESTIC presents Gary Cooper and Fay Wray in "The First Kiss." From the role of oysterman to that of motion picture player is a long leap, but that is what happened recently to 18 seamen of St. Michaels, Maryland. Overnight the little town located on the Miles River, off Chesapeake Bay, was transformed into a motion picture studio with the arrival of an entire company from Hollywood, there to produce, "The First Kiss." It is the story of romance and the love of brothers. A silent film.

STAR features Adolphe Menjou and Alice Joyce in "An Ace of Cads." The theme deals with the braggart who wore his sins as nonchalantly as a monocle. It tells how he forsook his dissipation for love of a woman, was betrayed by a friend, lost her, tried to forget, failed, and in the end won her back. Besides its dramatic highlights, the picture is notable for its settings in fashionable, foggy, conventional London and romantic, colourful Paris. A silent film.

World presents the Chinese drama, "The Way of Gold." A silent film.

FRENCH SMUGGLER'S HAUNT.

The Story of the Billiard Table.

BENEFIT THE WICKED.

Paris, July 11.

In a remote part of France, so far off the beaten track that not once in a blue moon (as the saying is) does a stranger visit it, there is a tiny coast village, where none play billiards. True, a table is to be found in a tumble-down old cafe; but no one uses it. Not for many years, in fact, has it been played on, while five decades have passed without the house having been occupied. For the building is said to be haunted, and the rustics decline to enter it after dark. As to having the table overhauled and put in playing order, they would as soon face Satan.

During the late 'sixties, the inhabitants were much given to smuggling, the proprietor of the combined ale-house and billiard-saloon furthering their nefarious schemes. They met in the bar of an evening, ostensibly to drink each other's health and to knock the balls about. But the business of handling brandy, lace, cigars and other contraband was considered more important than the game, which few took seriously. They certainly played and badly, judging from a mouldy old book in which trifling breaks were entered.

Smuggling affairs, however, had the players' attention more than billiards.

The Landlord was Killed. In 1867 these activities came to a sudden and tragic end. One night, while two of the bold smugglers ceased playing, to settle when the next cargo should be put aboard, the premises were rushed by the customs officials, led by an intrepid officer, his men, armed with cutlasses, bringing up the rear. The rascals, believing that the landlord had turned informer, and doubtless, having no time to verify their suspicions, promptly fell upon the unfortunate man, kicking him to death and knocking out his brains with their hobnailed boots. The customs men laid about them and, when order was restored, the nearest police station housed twelve blood-thirsty ruffians. For want of evidence, none were guillotined, though all served a term in the penitentiary. The inn was taken over by a new proprietor, who, after two years, left to be succeeded by another Boniface. He, too, quickly, cleared out, as also did his successor, the house being haunted.

Whether the ghost of the murdered landlord really appears has not been proved. There is a legend that thirty years ago, on the anniversary of the fell deed, a villager was discovered lying in a fit outside the ruined billiard-room. On coming to, he could only mutter incoherently. Some time later, the local policeman, a person of great determination, volunteered to watch for the ghost. Unfortunately, he took with him, as a companion, a friend who provided a bottle of brandy, so that, when the psychological moment arrived, both were too intoxicated to tell a ghost from a gatepost. Recently, a youth kept vigil, and declares that he distinctly saw what no one else has seen. But the lad, alas, is the village idiot.

Meanwhile, what remains of the old billiard-table goes begging.

Paganini's Failing. A joint violin and cello recital is a rarity in Paris—as elsewhere.

Georges and Joseph Tzipine, however, bent on covering new ground, recently gave one, and successfully. Georges (the violinist) and Joseph (the cellist) obtaining an excellent tone and displaying much dexterity in their extremely satisfying treatment of intricate passages. The same cannot, "has," be said of a French violinist who (unwisely) permits himself to be known as "Le Paganini resuscite." His performance has little to do with the art of Paganini, as described by musical historians and by the music-critics who so often wrote of the famous "virtuoso," for his tone is thin and not always steady, while he still has much to learn in other directions. The "Paganini, resuscite" does not attempt anything very difficult, which is as well; Parisians hear so much good playing that few are inclined to put up with a mediocre performance. Incidentally, they do not encourage "resuscite" performers.

Paganini, by the way, devoted his leisure to cards; embarking on this foolish pursuit at the age of thirteen, while on a concert-tour in his native land. The youthful violinist's instrument having been sold to pay a gambling debt, and on the eve of a concert, a rich Leghorn merchant, hearing of the sad predicament in which the rash strapping was placed, immediately sent him the famous Guarnerius, which, since 1840, the year of Paganini's death, has been the pride of the Sala Rossa in the Genoa Palazzo Municipale. An English writer, anxious to instruct his readers, lately mentioned that, in 1836, the owner of the Guarnerius dropped 50,000 francs over a Paris gambling-house owned by him, and that the violin was pawned to cover the loss. History relates that Paganini recovered this sum in less than six months by giving concerts all over Europe.

MOON & WEATHER

PASTORALIST DISAGREES WITH METEOROLOGIST.

"Mr. Bromley's statement that the moon has no influence on the weather is rank heresy to a bushman," writes Mr. N. Hiles Pearce, of The Gunns Station, Floriston.

"Scientists, in their study of the main theme, are apt to overlook the obvious points which we who live close to Nature observe daily. "Seventy-five per cent. of the good rains—those from a northerly direction—come in with the new moon. The so-called breaking or the drought recently, occurred just after the new moon. Whether rain falls or otherwise, the new moon invariably ushers in changeable weather.

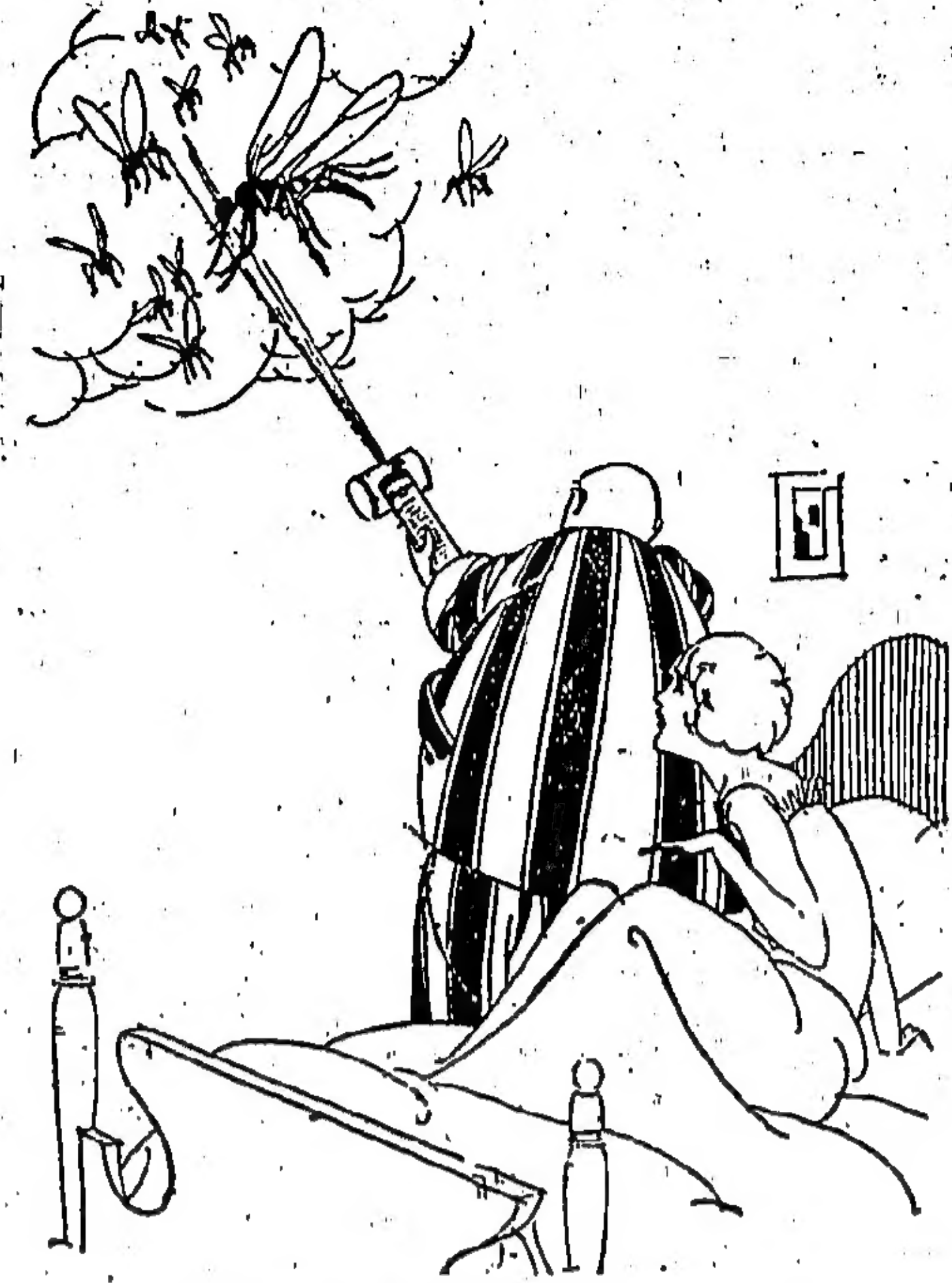
"South and south-westerly falls, which are seldom general, occur at all times; we benefit little from them.

"If a moon passes the first quarter without rain, we can reconcile ourselves to awaiting a general fall with the next new moon. If rain develops in the last quarter, or the full of the moon, it is usually a very energetic disturbance, with widespread rain.

"A rain of this nature has not occurred in the back country for years, we can almost date the present drought back to the last one. It was at that fortunate period when we could 'bank' on the West Australian rains giving us general falls. Now they seem to lose themselves in the ocean.

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DIVORCED CLERGY.

CHURCH AND STATE IN CONFLICT IN NORWAY.

Oslo, June 18.

Can a clergyman who is divorced and who has re-married still hold his office and claim the Divine authority?

This problem has been raised in Norway and is rapidly developing into a bitter struggle. The immediate cause of the trouble is that the Government appointed a divorced and re-married clergyman as a curate to one of the State churches at Oslo. After the appointment had been published the Bishop of Oslo made it known that he was not responsible for the appointment, and that he refused to give the new curate his blessing. This was followed by a declaration from the Dean of Oslo to the effect that the latter would come in conflict with his conscience, if he installed the curate.

The result is that the curate will have to read himself in. But, say the orthodox, how can a curate of this category conduct a wedding, and say that man and wife should separate live together until death separates them, without making a farce of the ceremony? According to the civil law in Norway, divorce and remarriage is allowed without any limitation. To get a divorce it is sufficient for the couple to express the wish to be divorced.

Clergymen of the State church being in every sense ordinary officials, curious conflict is confronting them. If they obey the civil laws they break the traditions of the church, and, if they follow the latter, any citizen may drag the clergyman before a law court and have him accused for contempt of law. No such case has yet occurred, but if the present situation is allowed to remain this eventuality may arise.

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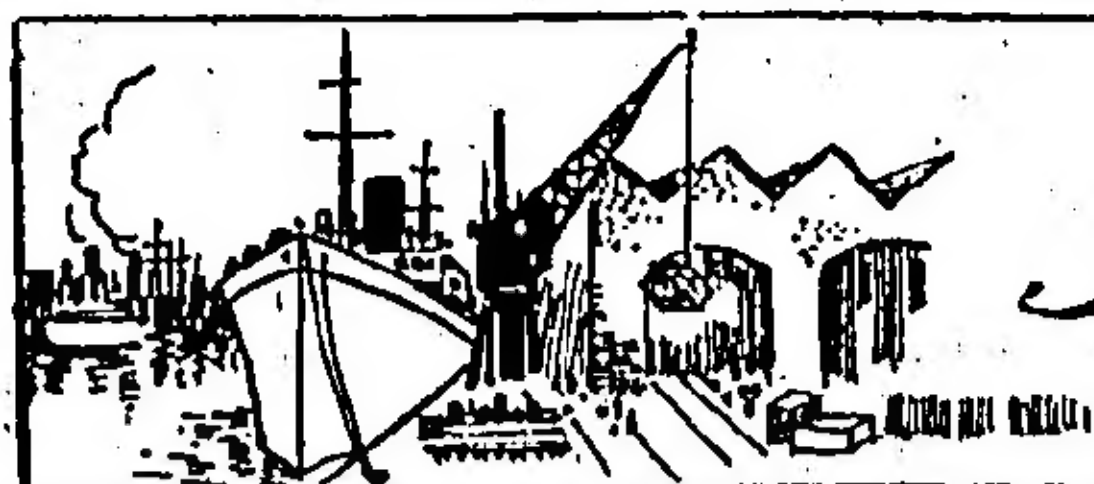
40 DAYS WITHOUT SIGHT OF LAND.

A Motor-Ship's Experiences.

Adelaide, July 16.
The motor ship King Neptune,
with a full cargo of overseas coal
berthed at Osborne for a direct
trip from Hull. The 12,500-ton
vessel was covered in 54 days.
After passing the Canary
Islands, the vessel did not sight

land for more than 40 days until
she was nearing the South
Neptune lighthouse on Tuesday.
The passage through the Bight
occupied six days the ship striking
heavy gales and beam seas.
The decks were continually awash
at some periods, but no damage
was done.

Just before entering the Bight
the master (Capt. G. Evans) was
in touch by wireless with the cap-
tain of the King Lud, a sister
ship, travelling from Melbourne
to Fremantle, who reported that
the ship was making very heavy
going against head seas and had
done only 31 miles in 24 hours.



Shipping Intelligence.

LOSS OF LIFE IN SHIP CASUALTIES.

Important Resolution by Master Mariners.

The Southampton Master
Mariners' Club, representing be-
tween 400 and 500 foreign-going
masters, having discussed at
length the question of concurrent
jurisdiction in international law
so far as it concerns merchant
shipping, considers that penal
cognisance of maritime mishaps
involving loss of life should be-
long solely to the country whose
flag is flown in the ship by which
the wrong is done. This in-
teresting and important resolu-
tion was unanimously passed by
the members of the club at their
weekly luncheon meeting in mail
week when Captain J. G.
Saunders, R.D., R.N.R., occupied
the chair.

Captain W. V. J. Clarke, D.S.C.,
who opened the discussion, men-
tioned a number of cases in which
injustice had been meted out to
British mariners, and said that
there was a definite risk and dan-
ger that the masters or officers
of British ships might be arrested
in foreign countries for offences
over which they had no control,
for an offence which they had no
intention of committing, or for
an error of judgment which
might result in a collision or
stranding. It was, indeed, possi-
ble that they might be imprisoned
for a long term as the result of
such an incident as he had men-
tioned, as well as being called
upon to suffer a heavy monetary
penalty.

Criminal Intent.

In his estimation that was en-
tirely contrary to all principles of
criminal law in Britain, where
the essence of crime was that
there must be criminal intent.
A crime could not be com-
mitted by accident; there must
be intent, for a man in law was
taken to intend the consequences
of his act. The principle usually
adopted was that if the state of
mind—in other words, intent—
was not present, then no crime
had been committed.

In the case of collisions or
strandings, the number brought
about by criminal intent was in-
finitesimal, but in any case it
was exceedingly difficult to state
how they had been brought
about. The standard of profes-
sional conduct and competency
among British masters and offi-
cers was very high, and he had
no hesitation in saying that it
was unthinkable that any collision
would be brought about by Brit-
ish ships with intent to kill
people in another ship, except
perhaps in time of war, such as
the ramming of an enemy sub-
marine. They could, therefore,
rule out that possibility al-
together.

He thought it dangerous that
any shipmaster of whatever
nationality the ship might be
should be in the position of find-
ing himself faced with the in-
justice to which he had already
referred, and he was glad to state
that there was to sit in Antwerp
in August a committee charged
with investigating the entire
question of concurrent jurisdic-
tion in international law.

As far as disciplinary action
against a British master or offi-
cer was concerned, their certi-
ficates were issued by the Board
of Trade, who had the power to
order and hold an inquiry in cases
of accident, and who could, if the
circumstances demanded, cancel
or otherwise deal with the certi-
ficate. That in itself was a suf-
ficient punishment, for the reason
that it robbed the holder of his
livelihood.

Particular System of Law.
Machinery existed to-day
whereby civil liabilities arising
out of a collision could be settled,
but they as master mariners were
not concerned particularly in that
aspect of the case. What their
objective was, was to see if they
as a club could do anything which
would tend to limit the penal
jurisdiction of countries to vessels
flying their own flag, as if only
they could assist in that direc-
tion they would be doing an im-
mense amount of good.

Captain Clarke then put the
resolution.
Captain J. King, O.B.E., R.D.,
R.N.R., said it was a tribute to
the integrity of the maritime
courts of the country that im-
portant cases concerning foreign
vessels should be brought here
for jurisdiction, and it was evi-
dence of fair dealing and straight-
forwardness which they could all
appreciate.

Commander L. R. Palmer

D.S.O., R.N., said he thought that
there would be great difficulty in
getting nations to agree that ac-
cidents happening in their terri-
torial waters could only be tried
in their own courts if the infrig-
ing vessel was flying their flag.
He would very much like to see
the proposition made law, but
imagined that if such jurisdiction
was agreed to in respect of sea-
men, then everyone who travelled
abroad who was involved in trouble
would probably claim the same
thing.

Captain Clarke, replying, said
that the point behind the resolu-
tion was that those in Britain
did not regard a collision as a
crime. A collision in Britain
was regarded as an accident, a
stranding as an accident, and if
loss of life occurred, that, too,
was regarded as an accident and
not a crime. The position as
matters stood at the present
time was that in the event of a
collision or stranding occurring
abroad, the master or officer in
charge of a vessel could be thrown
into gaol. They wanted to make
as sure as they could that a ship-
master should know under what
particular system of law he was
to be tried, for whereas he had
nothing to fear from trial under
the law of his own country, he
might quite reasonably have fear
of being tried under foreign jurisdic-
tion.

Captain Saunders then put the
resolution, which, as stated, was
carried unanimously.

BRITISH PORTS.

FOREIGN TRADE ARRIVALS SHOW INCREASE.

Arrivals at and departures from
United Kingdom ports of vessels
with cargo engaged in the foreign
trade during May showed, accord-
ing to statistics furnished by the
Board of Trade Journal, an in-
creased tonnage of 6.3 per cent.
and 3.9 per cent, respectively, as
compared with May, 1929. De-
partures with cargo were 0.5 per
cent. smaller, but those in ballast
17.4 per cent. heavier. In the
coasting trade cargo movements
were rather larger, and ballast
tonnage 6.2 and 7 per cent. less.

The net tonnage of vessels that
arrived with cargo in the foreign
trade during May, 1930, at ports
of the United Kingdom was
7,118,000 tons, an increase of
425,000 tons, as compared with
the corresponding figures for May,
1929. Increases were recorded in
the arrivals with cargoes from
the majority of the trading areas
distinguished in the published
statistics of which the more con-
spicuous were Northern Europe,
Europe (Atlantic) and Western
Mediterranean countries and West
Indies and Central America (At-
lantic Coast). Decreases were re-
corded only in respect of North
America (Atlantic Coast) and
South America (Atlantic Coast).
With regard to the nationalities
of the vessels engaged, the Brit-
ish net tonnage increased by
157,000 tons, or 3.4 per cent, the
Norwegian increased by 81,000
tons net, or 33.3 per cent., and
the Dutch by 48,000 tons net, or
17.7 per cent., while the few de-
creases were relatively small. Of
the net tonnage of the arrivals
with cargo, 67 per cent. was Brit-
ish, as compared with 68 per
cent. in May of last year.

Decrease in Departures.
The net tonnage of vessels that
departed with cargo in the for-
eign trade during May was 7,095,
000 tons, a decrease of 37,000
tons, or 0.5 per cent., as com-
pared with May of the previous year.
Moderate increases were recorded
in the departures with cargoes
for Europe (Atlantic) and West-
ern Mediterranean countries and
for Central and Eastern Mediter-
ranean countries. On the other
hand, decreases were recorded in
respect of Northern Europe (for-
eign), East Africa, Persian Gulf,
India and South America (Atlan-
tic Coast). Taken by flags, the
British departures with cargoes
decreased by 28,000 tons net, or
0.5 per cent., the French de-
creased by 20,000 tons net, or 7.3
per cent., and the United States by
36,000 tons net, or 16.3 per cent.,
while the Norwegian increased by
15,000 tons net, or 8.6 per cent.
About 72 per cent. of the net ton-
nage of the departures with
cargoes in May, 1930, and May,
1929, related to vessels flying the
British flag.

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FIRE IN COTTON CARGO.

Captain of Crosshill Injured.

Bombay, July 24.
The Crosshill, of which Graham's
Trading Company are the agents,
put back from sea on Wednesday
afternoon, after she had travelled a
considerable distance, and lay at
anchor in Bombay harbour owing to
a fire in No. 1 hold.

The fire was subsequently ex-
tinguished, but the Captain received
injuries.

It appears that the Crosshill
(2,805 tons) left Bombay on July 15
for Dunkirk via Marmagao, with
Captain T. W. Stewart in command.
The vessel carried a general
cargo consisting of 5,649 bales of
Indian cotton for Dunkirk, 5,200
cwt. of linseed and 1,250 tons of
manganese ore.

While the ship was on her voyage,
fire was discovered three days ago
in the Indian cotton in No. 1 hold.

Measures were at once taken to
extinguish the fire, which was suc-
cessfully brought under control.

Captain Stewart went down into
the hold to find out the cause of the
fire and his left leg was fractured
owing to a bale having fallen on
him.

The fire was reported by wireless
to the agents.

On the arrival of the ship in
Bombay the Captain was removed
to hospital, where he has been de-
tained for treatment.

Neither the cause of the fire nor
the extent of the damage is known.

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*RAWALPINDI	10,016	6th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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FATALITY ON KIUNGCHOW.

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Accidentally Shot.

A distressing accident occurred on board the China Navigation Company's vessel Kiungchow which arrived in Singapore a day or two ago and has since left on her return trip to the China ports. Pte. Robins, who was one of the armed guard which the ship was carrying in accordance with the new customary precautions against piracy, being accidentally shot. It appears that Pte. Robins was talking with Pte. Churchman when he bumped against the latter's right hand which was grasping the handle of his revolver. The weapon went off and Pte. Robins staggered back mortally wounded.
An enquiry was held by the Captain, and Private Robins was buried at sea.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:—
Tamar—Basil.
Seraph—North arm.
Medway and S. m/s.—West wall.
Sepey—No. 13 buoy.
Serapis—North arm.
Cicada—In dock.
Osiris—In dock.
Stagnolia—No. 8 buoy.
Oswald—In dock.

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Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Mindapao—American gunboat.

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TAHITI SINKS.

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Wellington, Yesterday.
The Tahiti sank this afternoon. All the passengers and crew are safely aboard the Ventura, which is dropping local passengers and crew at Papeete and is taking the remainder to San Francisco.—Reuter.

WATER LEVELS.

ON WEST, NORTH AND EAST
RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River, on the dates named:

	Aug. 16	Aug. 17
Shiuhing	14.1	12.4
Tsingyuen	6.2	5.9
Samshui	8.1	6.8
Shelung	2.6	2.5

The highest levels on record are:—Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shelung 15.5 feet.

The lowest level on record at Samshui is minus 5 feet and at Shelung minus 2.7 feet.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, Aug. 17.
Crenatula, British str., 3,549 tons.
Capt. R. S. Hurne, from Tarakan, Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

Hanyang, British str., 1,206 tons.
Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Amoy, buoy No. C18.—B. & S.
Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons.
Capt. D. D. Richards, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C44.—B. & S.

Tjibadak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons.
Capt. D. Pals, from Amoy, buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

Monday, Aug. 18.
Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons.
Capt. R. Ashby, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

California, American str., 3,343 tons.
Capt. S. Johnson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—States & Co.

Canton, French str., 976 tons.
Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C15.—M.M. & Co.

Cheong Shing, British str., 1,256 tons.
Capt. D. Burleigh, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. B36.—J. M. & Co.

Dalcain, British str., 2,810 tons.
Capt. D. J. Jones, from Manila, Stonecutters.—Sander Weller & Co.

Dulsburg, German str., 4,375 tons.
Capt. Eckhorn, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Jensen & Co.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons.
Capt. W. A. Balch, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons.
Capt. Olaf S. Olsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. C40.—Thoresen & Co.

Kitano Maru, Japanese str., 8,000 tons.
Capt. K. Nakamura, from Nagasaki, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,666 tons.
Capt. K. Mineoka, from Canton, buoy No. C46.—N.Y.K.

Pres. Grant, American str., 14,119 tons.
Capt. M. M. Jensen, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—American Mail Line.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons.
Capt. F. J. Green, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Tainan, British str., 2,100 tons.
Capt. J. Tinson, from Swatow, buoy No. B34.—B. & S.

NANKIN INCIDENT.

SHIP'S STOP TO RESCUE A
SLAVE.

London, July 11.
The captain of the P. and O. liner Nankin has reported to his company in London that he stopped his ship for nearly half an hour in the Red Sea during his voyage to Calcutta to pick up a native who told a thrilling story of escape from slavery.

The liner was off the Farasan islands when a dugout containing a man, apparently trying to reach the ship, was sighted.

It was found that the man had a handful of food, but no water, and that he was half blind. He was taken to Aden.

Captain J. M. M. Tickell, reporting on the incident states:—

On arrival at Aden I handed this man to the police interpreter, who elicited that the man was an Abyssinian native who had run away from a dhow in Farasan, on board of which, he alleged he was held as a slave.

"He said he was trying to reach Massowah, had lost his way, and had been four days at sea. As the dugout was only ten feet in length by two feet beam, with a freeboard of about four inches, his chance of getting across was practically nil.

"He also reported that there were four other slaves on board the dhow."

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HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Döbereck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon, but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard, and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

August 19 to 25, 1930.

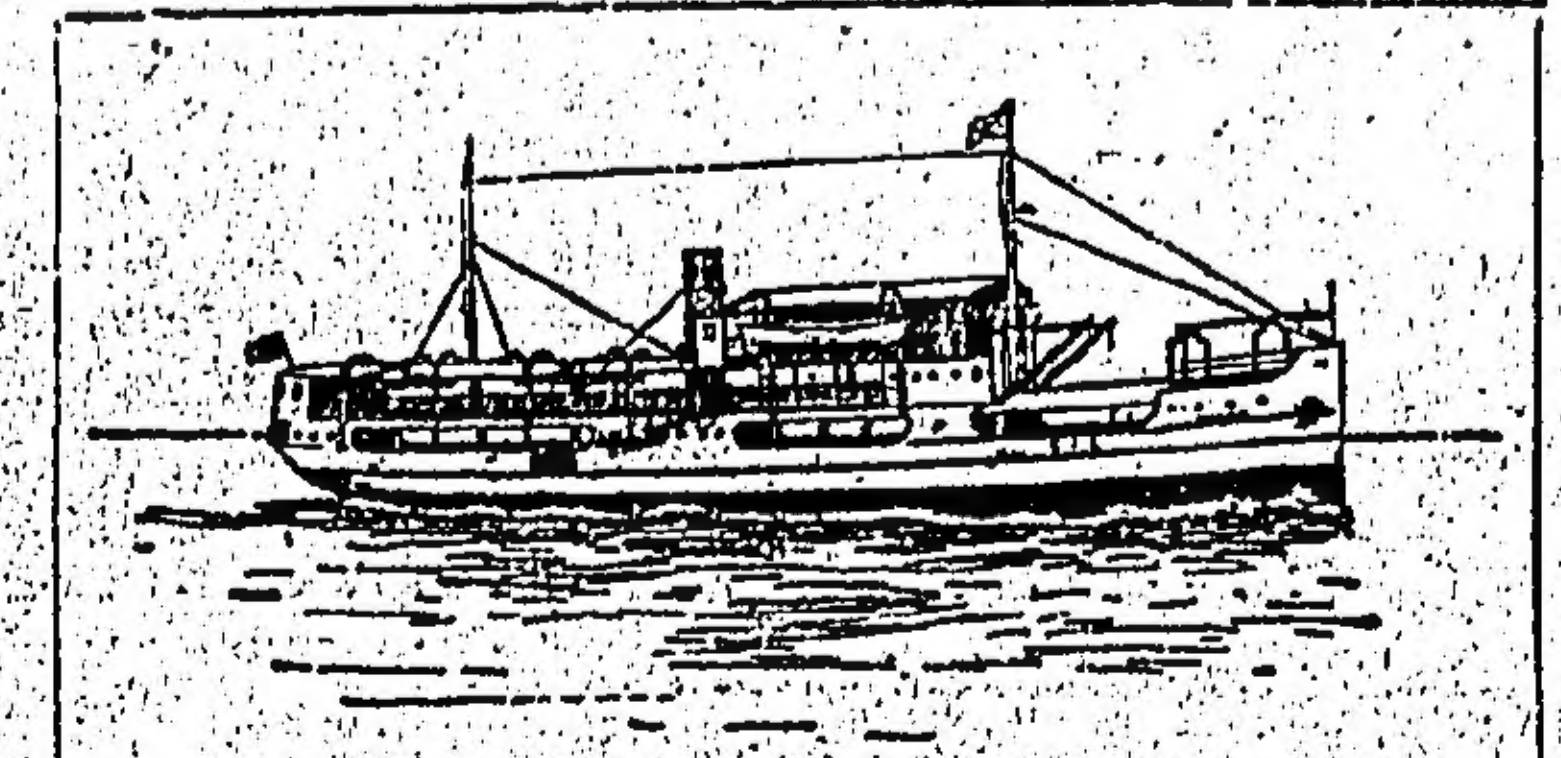
DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Aug.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Tues. 19	4 1 54	0 38 2.1
Wed. 20	5 58 3.8	0 38 3.7
Thurs. 21	7 54 5.9	1 30 1.5
Fri. 22	9 51 8.1	2 20 0.9
Sat. 23	11 48 10.3	3 10 0.5
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Mon. 25	3 42 14.7	4 50 0.7

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COLONIAL SERVICE.

When the Home Government's Committee's recommendations regarding the Colonial Service were published in May different critics viewed them from different angles. Further light on the subject is now forthcoming in the shape of a memorandum issued by the Colonial Office, in which it is declared that the recognition of the principle of a single Colonial Service does not in itself depend on any drastic practical change of present conditions. The Committee on the system of appointments in the Colonial Office and Colonial Services envisage a condition of affairs in which officers appointed to a single Colonial Service will accept on appointment liability to transfer from one Department to another. Emphasising the advantages of unification, the memorandum says that it will give the Secretary of State the fullest scope and will secure the right men for the right posts, and place to the best advantage the experience of officers of proved capacity. It is pointed out, however, that the scheme does not involve a rigid, continuous movement of the personnel round the world. It concludes by stating that the proposal for unification holds out the prospect of considerable advantages to Colonial Governments.

Clearly it is in the interests of all the Colonies that the best men should be chosen for the higher posts, men not only invested with technical experience but also with practical knowledge. Thus, as a Straits contemporary stated on May 5, a man who has served on the railways of Tanganyika and Jamaica need not be inferior in usefulness for work in Malaya than a man who has been there since he left the University or technical college. A man who has studied the problems of malaria in St. Lucia or the strange legal problems of the Seychelles need have no fear of being behind his colleagues either in mental equipment or practical acquaintance with local problems than the man who has spent most of his years in Hong Kong. It is true that laws may be different and purely local considerations not the same, but the wider acquaintance with outside affairs cannot but have the effect of moulding the mind on a larger horizon. It must inevitably lead to a bigger vision.

Daily problems are arising in all parts of the Empire which need not only average efficiency but men and women who are of outstanding capacity in all departments to meet them. With a larger area of selection and a larger area of services, and, therefore, more chances of promotion, it is patent that there must be a greater number of people who will leave Home to give their best years in the service of the Colonies.

There are great traditions to be upheld in the Colonial Service, and there seems little doubt that under the suggested revised scheme we shall gradually witness a reduction of red tape and an increase in individual keenness. That in itself should make for a more efficient administration and for a more contented Civil Service.

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ITALIAN DISASTER.

**TOTAL DEATH ROLL
REDUCED.**
Rome, Yesterday.
An official communique states that the return of a number of fugitives from the recent earthquake zone, previously believed to be dead, reduces the total death toll to 1,475.

NORTHERN WAR.

SHANSI TROOPS ON NORTH BANK.
Peking, Yesterday.
It is announced that the headquarters of the "Shantung Provincial Government" have been withdrawn to Tientsin.

CRUEL "MOTHER."

GIRL SEVERELY BEATEN WITH
FIREWOOD.

CONSIDERATE MAGISTRATE.

Consideration for the future welfare of a small Chinese girl caused Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith today to adjourn an assault case for 48 hours for further consideration by the prosecuting officer.

The defendant was a Chinese woman, who was charged by Inspector J. Murphy, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, with beating an 11-year-old girl. In admitting the charge, the defendant emphasised that the girl was her daughter, and she had chastised her for disobedience.

The medical certificate as to the girl's injuries, as read out to the defendant by the interpreter, showed that she had nine welts across the shoulders, three on the right elbow, two on the left elbow, five on the right thigh, four on the left thigh, and four on the right calf. All these could have been caused not more than five days before the medical examination.

In addition, the girl had some bumps on the head, which were a little older and could have been caused about ten days before the examination.

Magistrate: She is entitled to beat her daughter, but apparently she had used an unreasonable amount of force. What was the girl beaten with?

Inspector Murphy: Usually with firewood.

Heavy Penalty.
His Worship said that if he accepted the defendant's plea he could only convict her of common assault. If the S.C.A. wished to press the case for a heavy penalty then the daughter would have to give evidence against the mother.

Inspector Murphy replied that that would hardly be to the girl's interest, because the S.C.A. had no power to take the girl from her mother after the case. They had doubt that the woman was in fact the girl's mother, but at the same time they could not disprove her claim.

The Magistrate suggested that they might get over the point by requiring the woman to prove that the girl was her daughter.

The Inspector said that he would rather not press the case.
Magistrate: You are asking for what might be called the usual fine?—Yes, not a heavy penalty.

I propose to impose a fine of \$50.—Inspector Murphy:—I asked for \$50 and the defendant was unable to raise the amount.

You mean you would like her to be given a fine which she can pay? Would you like time to consult the S.C.A. on the case, particularly with regard to what will happen to the girl after the case? If there is an assurance that she would receive better treatment in future I have no objection to giving a lighter fine.

You might also ask the S.C.A. to suggest a penalty with a view to the girl's future welfare.

The Inspector said that he would do as his Worship suggested, but he would require at least 48 hours in which to consider the matter.

His Worship accordingly remanded the defendant until Thursday morning, extending the Police bail of \$50.

BURIED CITY.

**DISCOVERY OF ONE OF THE
FABLED SEVEN CITIES.**

Mr. W. J. Hanan, federal land inspector, announced on June 12 that he had discovered an ancient city in southwestern Arizona, believed by the Indians to be one of the fabled "Seven Cities of Cibola."

Mr. Hanan stumbled upon the ruins while roaming through a desert near the Mohawk Mountains 50 miles south of Palomares.

The ruins, nearly levelled, are covered by shifting sand dunes over all area six miles square, he said. Traces of masonry and hard-beaten thoroughfares appear. Grinding stones and pestles and broken pieces of pottery are scattered about. A prehistoric water course is evident and the remains of an elaborate irrigation system crisscross it.

Legend says the "Seven Cities of Cibola" were built of gold. A Spanish priest, Father Nizl, told of camping on a cliff and watching the inhabitants dine from plates of gold. Others sought the cities, among them Coronado, the explorer, but in vain.

SITUATION GRAVE IN INDIA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Taking advantage of cover afforded by the high crone, they were generally able to elude the military, whose efforts were directed to their expulsion. For this reason decisive military action against them is difficult at the present season. Moreover, they undoubtedly received shelter, food and some active assistance from villages in the neighbourhood of Peshawar. They at one time succeeded in cutting all communications with Peshawar, and one party forced its way into a supply depot, where it did some damage before being driven out.

Heavy Casualties.
The Orakzai situation, has remained uncertain. A number of Orakzai undoubtedly accompanied the main Afridi Lashkar, and some took part in the activities in Peshawar District. On the Kurram border, overt action was taken against the Government by a section of Orakzai with their neighbours, Para Chankani, who made an attack on militia posts and villages in the Kurram Valley. The militia and village levies engaged them with good spirit. Prompt and very successful air action was taken against the hostile formations after due warning against the villages from which they came.

Heavy casualties are believed to have been inflicted and considerable damage was done to the villages of more prominent hostile leaders.

This prompt and heavy punishment undoubtedly had a sobering effect on the tribes concerned. By the end of the week the number of Afridis remaining in Peshawar District had greatly decreased and so also had the main body of Lashkar in the vicinity of the Khajuri Plain. The situation, however, continues to be one of considerable gravity and danger.

Moslem-Hindu Clashes.
The communal disturbances in Sind have spread over a large area on both sides of the Indus and a serious situation has developed. The population of the villages is almost entirely Muhammadan, with a small section of Hindu moneylenders and traders, to whom many of the Muhammadans are indebted.

Communal feeling is, therefore, aggravated by economic causes, and when, as in the present case, the trouble extends into the rural areas, it takes the form of violence towards and looting of the small Hindu population. It is feared that the loss of life and property has been considerable.

Outside the North-West Frontier Province and Sind there has been a comparative absence of incidents during the week.—British Wireless Service.

WHITE LINES!

**THE FINE ART OF CAR
PARKING.**

Mr. M. P. King was discharged with a caution by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with parking his car in an unauthorised area in Connaught Road, east of the General Post Office.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., appeared for defendant, but before proceeding with the case his Worship asked Inspector Alexander if there were ample notice as to where private cars could be parked in the immediate area.

Inspector Alexander replied that there were five lines marking out the different areas, and also notices as to G. P. O. vehicles and private cars, which were on the sidewalk. There was also a notice with arrows pointing out the different areas.

His Worship remarked that he was in the area yesterday, and came out from a call to find that his car had been removed. Apparently he himself had unwittingly parked in a wrong area! He was not satisfied that the notices were adequate, "You are lucky, Mr. King, in that I happened to be on the spot myself yesterday," he added.

BITER BIT.

**MARAUDER'S FATAL
ADVENTURE.**

An unknown Chinese man was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital early this morning, suffering from injuries, apparently the result of a fall from the second floor verandah of 162, Queen's Road, Central.

It appeared as if he had tried to enter the premises from the next door house. The fall resulted in severe injuries to his head, and he died about 4.40 a.m.

MR. P. JACKS.

QUARTER OF CENTURY
HERE.

USEFUL CAREER.

Mr. Philip Jacks, barrister-at-law, Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages, Supreme Court, to-day completes 25 years in the service of the Government of Hong Kong, during which long period he has filled several responsible positions with ability and dignity.

He received his appointment as Assistant Land Officer on August 19, 1905, and from that time until May 17, 1916, he acted as Land Officer on no fewer than four occasions, once, in November, 1908, as Officer Receiver in Bankruptcy in addition to his other duties.

His appointment to Land Officer came on May 17, 1916, and since then he twice acted as Crown Solicitor (1919-1920), and from January 1, 1927, assumed the post of Registrar of Marriages in addition to his duties as Land Officer.

From March 16 to October 12 the same year, he was acting as Puisse Judge, which post he again filled for a period from April 23, 1928. He resumed his duty as Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages on February 1, 1929.

We understand that Mr. Jacks will receive his third appointment as acting Puisse Judge from September 1. This is brought about by the coming departure on furlough of the Chief Justice, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., during whose absence Mr. Justice J. R. Wood will act as Chief Justice.

"IN MEMORY."

SCOTTISH COMPANY'S
TRIBUTE.

There was a representative gathering at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday, when a wreath was laid on the grave of Captain D. C. Logan, M.C., on behalf of the Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Capt. Logan died in August, 1927, at the early age of 31.

The wreath was laid by Lieut. G. Dunca M.B.E., and those present included Major H. B. L. Dowling, Col. T. A. Robertson, and Mr. C. Champlin. Members of the Scottish Company, H.V.D.C., present were Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. J. W. Blackley, Mr. S. Greenwood, Mr. G. Hayes, Mr. R. O. Sutherland, Mr. G. H. Cuthill, Mr. S. Saunderson, Mr. W. Tillery, Mr. A. Reid and Mr. A. MacArthur.

IS YOUR NAME HERE?

Mail has been received at the American Consulate General for the following persons:—

Geo. A. Allan, Wm. B. Ataway, Miss F. Bostwick, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, J. A. Conley, R. C. Cooper, E. Domingo, V. H. Donnelly, H. C. Evans, Fish, F. Hamilton, Mrs. G. H. Koston, S. Madrinan, Miss M. S. Maynard, C. F. Mentz, J. Murphy, W. C. Oakland, Miss A. Riggin, C. B. Rogers, Miss M. Root, Sadiq, Mrs. K. Smith, A. E. Taylor, C. L. Townsend.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail,"
August 19, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/- 4/4d.

For about ten minutes the business of the Appeal Court was held up this morning by the explosion of a long string of crackers. For two or three minutes the Acting Chief Justice matched his vocal organs against the noise. He lost. As the minutes passed, the smiles faded from the faces of Judges and Counsel, an extremely bored look becoming general.

Ten Years Hence.

[From the "China Mail" of
August 19, 1940.]

The Hong Kong Centenary Committee is preparing plans for a Grand Tattoo showing the main events in the history of the Colony from its earliest days.

The agents of a well-known typewriter are arranging a competition to decide as to who is the fastest typist in the Colony, the contest to be open to all makes of machines.

CHEFOO NOTES.

CLOSING OF PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

FULL PRIZE LISTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

A large and appreciative gathering of parents and friends assembled at the Memorial Hall to witness the Closing Exercises of the China Inland Mission Preparatory School on Monday afternoon the 18th inst.

Mr. McCarthy took the Chair and after the completion of the programme gave a short talk on his own observations of boys playing at games in the Quad of the old school when he came here as Headmaster some 35 years ago. There were two expressions which he at first found difficult in comprehending the first he afterwards found to be "Everything for me and nothing for you" and the second "Knuckle down, stiff, tight, and hard" and in a very telling way the Chairman emphasised the latter as a sound principle to carry through life.

The Programme was well sustained from start to finish and each item received its well merited applause. John Harris one of the boys who played as "A. Woolly Mat" trodden on by all sorts of folk, while the closing piece, a scene from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was so realistically presented that it formed a touching and suitable conclusion to a most praiseworthy and altogether enjoyable afternoon. As usual specimens of the children's work were on exhibition in the Class Rooms of the School and showed much talent as well as a great deal of painstaking work.

C.I.M. Girls' School Closing Exercises.

Tuesday morning broke with heavy rain clouds hovering overhead which betokened a wet day and caused many to fear that the closing exercises would have to be left uncompleted, as it would be impossible for the girls to carry out their Drill Exercises in the rain, but during the afternoon the rain stopped and the whole Programme was carried through with the usual grace and precision.

Mr. P. A. Bruce took the Chair and based his remarks to the girls on the latter half of Psalm 144.12, showing how all the experiences of life were permitted that after the polishing they might become "Corner Stones" in that great building of which the Lord Jesus Christ was the Chief Corner Stone. Mrs. Bruce graciously distributed the prizes to the successful winners, the "All Round Prize" presented by Mrs. Pote-Hunt being divided between Muriel Dilley and Doris Embery; the "Day School Prize" between Aileen Andrew and Mary Nicoll, and the "Conduct Prize" the Blue Ribbon of the school was awarded to Muriel Dilley.

Leaving Bibles which are always given to the pupils leaving the school were presented to Mary Abbott, A. Andrew, M. Dilley, D. Embery, J. Gardner, M. Nicoll, O. Rouse, M. Moore, J. Pedersen, D. Jameson, and P. Surman.

The Programme which was composed of both Instrumental and Vocal Music was beautifully rendered from start to finish, the "Sonata Pathétique" played by M. Dilley was excellently rendered and greatly enjoyed.

The Cantata "The Lady of Shalott" rendered by the Upper School and ably accompanied on the Piano-forte by Muriel Dilley was a musical treat, the trio and choruses throughout the piece being beautifully sung with great effect, in spite of the difficult passages which the girls took so easily that the painstaking care of those who had been responsible for their training shone throughout the piece.

As the Chairman remarked both the staff and girls were to be heartily congratulated on the success of the day owing to the fact that the school during this year had passed through such a series of serious epidemics that it was to be wondered at that they had been able to place any programme before us, much less such a display of talent which we had to-day enjoyed. The Drill was excellent comprising "Pulse Exercises" by the Upper School, "Wand Exercises" by the Lower School, and the "Daily Dozen" with variations by the whole School, these latter were most interesting and greatly appreciated.

A most happy afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of "The Doxology" led by the girls. On Wednesday afternoon it was the turn of the boys and after watching and listening to the excellent Programme given by them we all felt that the best had been kept to the last.

This being the last time Mr. McCarthy would be amongst us as Principal of the Boys' School, it was more than fitting that he should preside as Chairman on this occasion and his able and searching

address to the boys on "Make a Success of Your Life" was one that would not be easily forgotten. The Chairman took as his leading thoughts "Fortitude" and "Friendship" telling the boys how much they would need the former and then especially turning to the boys who were leaving he said, "Boys, be careful of the friendships you make, for not everyone that may hold out the hand to you may prove a real friend. Then lifting the thought into the higher plane Mr. McCarthy pleaded with the boys to take the hand of Christ, the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and thus make a real success of your life."

At the close of the programme Mrs. McCarthy with her usual grace and charm distributed the prizes to the successful boys.

The programme which was well executed was composed of vocal and instrumental music, with several well rendered recitations.

The first item was an effective part song rendered carefully by Form 2, 3, and 4; then followed a recitation entitled "The Retired Cat" which was clearly recited by Form 2a, causing much amusement at the wanderings of poor pussy, until recited by her master who told; a pianoforte duet was then rendered by Arthur Smith and Jack Weller, followed by a vocal duet nicely sung by C. Surman and S. Porteus. Form 2b. gave us an amusing recitation about "A Centipede" and C. Surman followed with J. Dusek's Andantino and Allegro played with great feeling; John Masfield's poem "Enslaved" followed which was admirably recited and proved a most effective piece as the boys of the 3rd. Form carefully emphasized the Poet Laureate's beautiful verses. Forms 2, 3, and 4 then gave us a sweet rendering of H. Smart's 23rd Psalm, followed by the First Movement of Haydn's Sonata in E flat which was excellently played by Jack Weller.

Form 5a. most effectively rendered The Duel Scene from Twelfth Night each of the boys entering most spiritedly into the characters portrayed. Dansey Smith major taking the part of Sir Toby kept the humour of the situation well to the front by his excellent rendering of his part and especially so when the combatants facing each other did not really want to fight. The programme was brought to a close by a Hymn of Praise and the Harrow School Song "Forty year on," which was a most fitting close to such a time, seeing that Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy were closing a 40 years' connection with the School. Before separating, Dr. Landsborough in a very sympathetic speech voiced the feelings of the Parents who during these long years of service had through their boys reaped so much from the untiring and faithful service of the Principal and his wife.

The Drill Exercises were carried out in the School Quad, and were by the verdict of those in the know, summed up as the best we have ever witnessed. At the close of the Drill A. Smith, J. Davies, and W. Tyler were presented with a gift each in appreciation of the help each had given in the training of the boys.

Girls' Prize List.

Form Prizes awarded to girls who have obtained 75 per cent. and over on their year's work:—
Form IIB.—Mary Weller, 75 per cent.; Little Women; Katherine Costerus, 83 per cent.; Alice in Wonderland.

Form IIA.—Josephine Broomhall, 75 per cent.; Heroes of the Middle Ages; Doreen MacCammon, 79 per cent.; Britain of Long Ago; Diana Wedderburn, 80 per cent.; Stories of Scottish History.

Form III.—Ethel Dickson, 79 per cent.; Famous English Books and Their Stories; Jessica Broomhall, 81 per cent.; Last of the Mohicans; Heather Hance, 84 per cent.; Allan Quartermain.

Form IV.—Margaret Olesen, 76 per cent.; Tale of Two Cities; Doris Jameson, 78 per cent.; The Old Curiosity Shop; Julia Stryk, 78 per cent.; The Old Curiosity Shop; Gene Sinton, 82 per cent.; Barnaby Rudge.

Form VB.—Fern King, 76 per cent.; Oliver Twist; Eleanor Ford, 81 per cent.; Old Mortality; Mary MacPherson, 84 per cent.; Fortunes of Nigel.

Form VI.—Aileen Andrew, 76 per cent.; Great Poems of the English Language; Doris Embery, 85 per cent.; Shakespeare's Works; Mary Nicoll, 86 per cent.; Shakespeare's Works.
Special Prize for General Progress: Isabel Sinton, In the Days of the Guilds.

Scripture Prizes.

Form IIB.—Katherine Costerus, 83 per cent.; The Holy War.

Form IIA.—Doreen MacCammon, 91 per cent.; Pilgrim's Progress.

Form III.—Ethel Dickson, 80 per cent.; Daily Light.

Form IV.—Margaret Olesen, 80 per cent.; Sankey's Hymnbook.

Form VB.—Connie Williamson, 86 per cent.; French Bible.

Form VA.—Mary Stryk, 81 per cent.; Meyer's Paul; Ellah.

Form VI.—Josephine Broomhall, 81 per cent.; Schofield's Bible.

Form VI.—Mary Nicoll, 88 per cent.; Cruden's Concordance.

Drawing Prizes.
Lower School:—Diana Wedderburn, "The Vigil".

Middle School:—Barbara Hance, "Pan's Pipes" and "Peter's Friend".

Upper School:—Barbara Stryk, "A Normandy Courtyard".

Special Prize has been awarded to Mary Abbott in recognition of ability in art.

Needlework Prizes.
Form IIB.—Katherine Costerus, Red Lagoon Box.

Form IIA.—Sylvia Black, Purse.

Form III.—Alice Doeth, "Enquire Within".

Form IV.—Lillian Palmberg, Encyclopedia of Needlework.

Music Prizes.
Lower School:—Gertrude Brindle and Josephine Broomhall, Orr Piano Album.

Middle School:—Julia Stryk, Chopin, "Valses".

Upper School:—Muriel Dilley and Doris Embery, Schubert Album.

Special Prizes for steady work in music have been awarded to Mary Bird, "The Nightingale"; and Eleanor Stryk, Handel.

The "All Round Prize" which is presented by Mrs. Pote-Hunt for keenness in work and games, and happy relations with the Staff and Girls has this year been divided between two girls:—

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Doris Embery, Master Musicians.

The Day School Prize given by a friend of the school to that one of the older day scholars who though not able to take the same place or responsibilities in the school as a boarder, is considered by the Staff to have rendered service in the school by her help and influence. This year two girls have qualified for the prize:—

Aileen Andrew, Emerson.

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BOYS' SCHOOL PRIZE LIST. JULY 1930.

Percentage Prizes.
IIB.—B. Glas (75); J. White-law (76); J. Weir (84).

III.—J. Hirst (79); R. Sinton. IV.—W. Fleischmann (80); C. E. Surman (88); S. Weller (88).

VB.—D. Zentner (78).

VI.—G. Hanna (75); G. Kourbatoff (75); D. Landsborough (75); W. Olesen (80).

VII.—N. Pedersen (75); R. Walker (78); J. Weller (87); A. Smith (87).

Special Prizes.
VIA.—Scripture, A. Smith; English, J. Weller; Mathematics, A. Smith; Latin, J. Weller; French, J. Weller; Science, A. Smith.

VI.—Scripture, W. Olesen; English, G. Hanna; Mathematics, D. Landsborough; Latin, K. Kourbatoff; French, G. Kourbatoff; Science, R. Blair.

Va.—Latin, B. Walker; French, B. Walker.

Vb.—Drawing, B. Weller.

Senior:—Neatness, G. Kourbatoff.

Junior:—Neatness, W. Fleischmann.

Music.
Senior: J. Weller.

Junior: C. E. Surman.

Progress: W. Fleischmann and J. Learner.

Special Prize presented by Mrs. Strausser: J. Weller.

E. Jane Judd Prize (IV Form):—C. E. Surman.

Capt. Pote-Hunt Prizes: A. Smith (Senior); J. Hirst (Junior).

Captains' Shields: J. Davies, Vice-Captain (Football); A. Smith (Cricket); W. Tyler (Rowing).

House Shield Won by Livingstone House.

Special Conduct Prizes: A. Smith and J. Davies.

Leaving Bibles:—A. Smith, J. Weller, R. Walker, N. Pedersen, G. Edgar, E. Weller, G. Kourbatoff, G. Hanna, R. Blair, G. Jennings, J. Davies, W. Tyler, D. Mann, and F. Macrae.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at an inquest held on Chong Lok, a waterfront coolie who was killed by a tramcar near the Western Market on July 26.

Mr. H. R. Butters conducted the inquiry, at which it was established that the man was blind in one eye. Death was actually due to injuries to the back.

Evidence was brought to show that the brakes of the tramcar were in perfect working order.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Function.
Sept. 4—H.K.V.D.C. (Portuguese Co.), annual dinner, and dance, Club de Recreio, Kowloon.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
To-day—City Hall.
To-day—Star Theatre.
To-day—College.

To-day—World Theatre.
To-day—Way of Gold. (Chinese picture).
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
To-day—The First Kiss.
To-day—Central Theatre.
To-day—Love Parade.

Sports.
See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Home Mails.
To-day—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Philoctetes), 6 p.m.
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.
August 22—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
August 25—At 3 and 4 The Albany, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

August 27—At Godown 18, H.K. & K. Wharf Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, s.l. "Seagull," locomotive boiler, and steam crane, 10.30 a.m.

Meeting.
To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
September 29—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day for September.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"CITY GIRL" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

LAST SHOWING TO-DAY.

Mark Hamilton, who plays an ever-hungry harvest hand in the Fox Movietone talking picture, "City Girl," which concludes a successful run to-day at the Queen's Theatre, is the tallest member of the cast—about six feet six inches. A visitor at Camp Murnau, the big wheat ranch location at Pendleton, Ore, carried a very small camera and was anxious to snap the different characters. When it came to taking a picture of Hamilton, the visitor found that "long shots" were about the only thing he could get that would show Mark's head and feet at the same time. Mark is a resourceful chap, so he suggested that he pose in letter "S" form. Thus the amateur photographer was able to get a close-up snapshot.

"City Girl" features Mary Duncan and Charles Farrell, directed by F. W. Murnau.

"DAMES AHOY" SCREENING TO-MORROW.

GLENN TRYON.

Glenn Tryon, starring in Universal's rollicking comedy, "Dames Aho," coming to the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday, began his theatrical career at the age of eight. He played the part of little Heinrich in a stock company production of "Rip Van Winkle" at Spokane, Washington.

Tryon plays the part of a gob in "Dames Aho," one of his funniest comedies.

The notable cast includes Helen Wright, Otis Harlan, Eddie Gribbon, and Gertrude Astor. William James Craft directed the picture. Sherman Lowe wrote the story. Matt Taylor the adaptation, and Albert DeMond the dialogue.

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"The Love Parade" will be shown for the last time to-day after a total run of nineteen days.

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ARRIVALS

Per s.s. President Grant on August 18:—

Mrs. H. Bulkley, Dr. G. M. Dioso, Mrs. A. Diet, Lt. W. A. Epstein, C. L. Shank, A. E. Yusingco, L. Yates.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. President Grant on August 19:—

R. L. Parker, Miss Z. Scott, Miss M. Solozneff, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore, Comdr. and Mrs. R. F. Bernard, H. A. Braunstein, Miss M. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Collon, Miss F. Collon, E. H. Johnson, P. Mabbun, Mrs. S. E. MacFadyen, C. E. Ferguson, Mrs. D. Hartman, D. E. Nash, T. Y. Deane, Master V. Hartman, Mrs. M. E. Brooks, H. Gottlieb, K. Shatzke, H. G. Jensen, John Henry Doshin.

SOVIET RABBITS.

Riga, June 27.

The Commissariat for Agriculture has formally applied to the Soviet Government for a further grant of 1,000,000 roubles (nominally £100,000) to encourage "pedigree rabbit culture." The Soviet Press explains that the Government's new meat policy consists mainly in forcing the rapid development of quickly maturing animals, particularly rabbits, pigs, and poultry, to supply current demands for meat, and at the same time, but more gradually, in restoring the herds of bigger cattle destroyed during the collectivisation excesses.

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FENCING.

First General Meeting Held.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The first general meeting of the Fencing Club took place as arranged at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The following have been elected as members of the Committee, it being decided to leave the election of a President until Col. Brownrigg had been approached on the matter—

Lt. Anstruther, R.E.—Vice President and Captain.

Mr. F. J. T. Locke—Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Captain Swath, Commander Southby, R.N., and Mr. B. L. Pinget—Members of Committee.

It was also unanimously decided after discussion that—

(a) The entrance fee for original members should only be \$10 with a general subscription of \$2.50 per month.

(b) Fencing at the Yacht Club should commence forthwith, Monday evening at 5.30 p.m. next being the first occasion whilst an opening Assault-at-Arms be held late in September.

(c) Weapons and kit be ordered immediately of which members will be able to avail themselves by paying the cost price to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

LAWN TENNIS.

BETTY'S WIN IN AMERICA.

Forest Hills, Yesterday. In the first round of the American Lawn Tennis Championship at Forest Hills to-day, Miss Betty Nuthall (Britain) beat Miss L. McFarland (U.S.A.) 6-0, 6-1. Miss Edith Cross defeated Mrs. Hawks 6-8, 6-2, 6-0.—Reuter.

HONG DOUBLES AND "WEALL" CUP.

The tennis tournament in the Hong Doubles was continued yesterday, when two matches were decided.

Law and Black defeated Currie and Stewart 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; and Gogins and Collis won in straight sets from Jones and Gammell, the scores being 6-3, 7-5.

"Weall Cup."

G. Burnett and E. W. Railton were the finalists who met in the "Weall" Cup competition, organised in connection with the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, yesterday evening, this being their second attempt to decide who should hold the trophy.

The match went the full five sets, Railton winning in fine style after a gruelling struggle, with the scores 1-6, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6, 6-4, in his favour.

Revision of Association Rules. An extraordinary general meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association was held last evening in the Sanitary Board room, Post Office Building, when the draft rules and regulations of the Association were discussed and unanimously adopted after a few amendments had been effected.

The chief amendments made to the draft proposals were that the Association should regulate, arrange and manage all necessary matters in connection with Inter-Port matches; that instead of individual members paying an entrance fee and annual subscription, they shall pay fees to any competition organised by the Association as the executive may deem fit and necessary; and that the individual shall not have the right of referring matters in which he is dissatisfied to the Council.

In rule 6 of section 2, the proposal to allow matches to be postponed through mutual arrangement was deleted, and this was altered to the "sanction of the committee."

In rule 7 of the same section, the words "pertaining to the reporting, with full reasons, of the cause of postponement of matches to the Hon. Secretary within forty-eight hours, were deleted and as substituted were added: "The home team shall, in every case, be responsible for initiating the arrangements for the refixing of the postponed match, and in the event of the date not being fixed within 14 days, the Executive Committee shall have the power either to fix the date and award the point to the club, whom the committee deem not to be in default, or to award the match to the other club."

PING PONG.

FOREIGN ENTRIES INVITED.

Under the auspices of the Ping Pong Association the following League and Singles Ping Pong Championships (open to the Colony) will be run this season, commencing early next month. Entries close on Friday, 22nd inst.

Senior League.

Junior League.

Men's Singles Championship.

Ladies' Singles Championship.

Further particulars may be obtained from Messrs. China Sports, 16, D'Aguilar Street.

FOR CONCISE AND EXPERT VIEWS.

ON THE TEST MATCH.

READ

The China Mail DAILY.

WATER POLO.

V.R.C.'S WIN OVER KOWLOON.

Last night's water polo match in the first division of the League resulted in the V.R.C. scoring a comfortable win by six goals to one over the Kowloon Swimming Club. The Victorians took the lead in no uncertain manner right from the start. C. Roza-Pereira and S. V. Gittins netting in quick succession. After this the Kowloon players held them in check until half time when the score sheet read 2-0 in favour of the V.R.C. Kowloon reduced the deficit soon after the resumption, a slip by Stewart allowing Simpson to get through. After this the Victorians again took the game well in hand and added four goals without reply. Gittins and Lawrence were the scorers. R.N.

INTER-PORT ROWING IN MADRAS.

Madras, July 28.

Madras's victory by one length over Colombo in the Challenge Fours on the Adyar River on Saturday followed a well-rowed race, in respect of which the losers, who were the holders of the Cup, have nothing to be ashamed.

Madras were lucky in winning the toss and chose the outside station. At the half-way stage the crews were level. Madras were a quarter of a length to the good 200 yards from the winning post and a final spurt enabled them to increase it to a length before the finish.

Colombo have been unable to get accustomed to the lighter boats in Madras, but even with this handicap, they might have been able to snatch a narrow victory had they been able to secure the outside station.

In the challenge sculls, Pierce's victory over Phelps (Madras) was convincing.

The Colombo man led by 3 lengths at half-way and, though the distance was reduced to a length at the finish, Pierce always appeared to have the race well in hand. His time was 3 minutes 57.1-5 seconds.

Following are the full results of to-day's races:—

Club Fours.—Blissler's crew beat Armstrong's by 1½ lengths.

Junior Sculls.—Stachan (Madras) beat Robson (Madras) by three lengths.

Challenge Pairs.—Hill Agate (Madras) beat Macmillan, and Harding (Calcutta), by three lengths.

Junior Challenge Pairs.—Ramsay and Strachan (Madras) beat Winton and Timson (Madras), by three lengths.

Challenge Fours.—Madras beat Colombo by one length.

Challenge Sculls.—Pierce (Colombo) beat Phelps (Madras), by one length.

A BOWLS SLUMP.

Bowls in the Home Counties seems to be suffering from a slump. There were 10 players from Surrey, Kent, Middlesex, and Essex in the recent trial at the Temple Green, but only seven were chosen for the Dublin tournament on July 9, 10, and 11, as against 12 out of the side of 20 at Llandrindod last season.

Members of the Executive Committee were added to the rule that no player who has played once (during the season) for one club is eligible to play thereafter for another club during the season.

HOBBS' DISMISSAL IN LEEDS TEST.

His Query to Woodfull.

Leeds, July 13. There is considerable doubt whether Hobbs was actually out (in the second innings of the Test) and two fieldsmen have declared that he was unfortunate in being given out. A Beckett appealed to the bowler's umpire, who said that he could not see it. Sutcliffe possibly spoilt his view, while A Beckett's back was also towards the umpire.

The bowler's umpire appealed to the square-leg umpire, who replied, "It is your decision." The other umpire responded, "Yes, but I could not see, and am appealing to you."

Thereupon the square-leg umpire said, "Out."

Woodfull, in the meantime, crossed from third man and spoke to Hobbs, who said, "What do you think, Bill?"

Woodfull replied, "I thought it was out."

Hobbs did not hesitate a second longer and walked out.

Chapman's "Confound Bradman."

Leeds, July 11. During the lunch interval Chapman gave a message for Australia.

"Tell them Bradman's innings was truly magnificent, but confound him all the same."

Compliments are pouring in on Bradman.

During the week-end he received a telegram from London stating, "Your house is on fire. Your girl wants you to go back; so go home."

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL.

Water Polo.—Tomorrow—

Division I.—Chinese Bathing Club v. Somersets.

Friday.—Division I.—R.A. v. Chinese Athletic.

Monday.—Division I.—Kowloon v. Navy.

Ping Pong.—August 22.—En-

tries close for Leagues and ladies' and men's single championships.

Lawn Bowls.—Saturday—

Division I.—Craigengower C.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.; K.C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon Dock R.C. v. Police R.C.; K.G.B.C. v. Club de Recreo; Division II.—Tai Koo R.C. v. C.C.C.; C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Club de Recreo v. K.B.C.C.; Yacht Club v. Electric R.C.

Baseball.—Saturday.—Filipinos v. Japanese.

Sunday.—South China v. Kiara.

Racing.—September 27.—

Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

October 10 and 11.—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

Football.—October 1.—En-

tries close for Challenge Shield.

Aquatics.—August 31.—En-

tries close for V.R.C. Night Fete, 6 p.m.

September 6.—Entries close for Police Reserve Race at Police and Prison Departments aquatic sports: V.R.C. Night Fete.

September 13.—Police and Prison Departments Aquatic Sports, V.R.C.

Polo.—September 20.—Gymkhana, Polo Ground.

HOME.

Cricket.—To-day.—Fifth Test Match, The Oval, London.

Racing.—September 10.—St. Leger, Doncaster.

September 12.—Doncaster Cup.

SUITABILITY OF CRICKET FOR WOMEN.

London, July 18.

Experienced male cricketers were frankly astonished when watching a match at Beckenham this week between two teams of English ladies representing North and South. The game was arranged by the Women's Cricket Association with a view to demonstrating the suitability of cricket, as a game for women and showing the progress they had already achieved.

The Association's design was completely fulfilled, for the match, which was keenly contested, lasted from eleven in the morning until seven in the evening and delighted and impressed a large crowd.

The batting and bowling reached a high standard. The wicket-keeping was excellent and the fielding both close to the wicket and in the long field, notably accurate and keen.

Nothing astonished male critics more than the length of the throwing from the outfield.

The South, batting first, scored 108, being largely indebted to Miss Bull, their captain, whose 48 included no fewer than ten boundaries.

The Northern ladies, when stumps were drawn, had scored 178. Miss Dorman, Leeds, was top-scorer with 58 not out. It is noteworthy that under-arm bowling for women, judging by this match, is quite out of date.

SERVANTS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Katrina and Hottentot Sarah.

If the servant question in England is difficult, the same topic in South Africa furnishes much food for discussion. This is a land of "boys" and "girls," and nearly always a dusky domestic of one kind or another can be obtained to "help" in the home for the average sum of 15s. monthly, plus food.

And then things begin to happen.

My first "girl" was named Katrina, a "Cape coloured" damsel with an intense distaste for work, and a passion for clothes. Every morning her white canvas shoes were blanched at my expense. Often she "borrowed" my big scissors to copy one of my frocks which she was supposed to be laundering, and when she couldn't get at my lavender water she besprinkled herself with the vanilla essence from the pantry.

Katrina's way of laying a table was unique. Having put on the cloth crooked, she would grasp a large fistful of mixed cutlery and proceed to deal us each a hand. Thus "the baas" might find himself with a no-trumper of four cheese and two fish knives, and five tea and two coffee spoons, while I would be dealt three fish forks, one dessert-spoon, one butterknife, and a long suit of tablespoons. She chose the crockery indiscriminately, too, so that we were quite likely to find ourselves trying to keep a runny pudding within the bounds of a coffee saucer.

Just as I had begun to lead Katrina aright, I suffered the fate of most employers of female labour. Katrina left to wed a darky swain. I discovered after her departure that my involuntary contribution to her trousseau consisted of three pairs of silk stockings, while several delicacies from the pantry had gone to swell the wedding feast in the kraal.

The Great Sarah.

After Katrina came Hottentot Sarah, possessed of the broadness of ugliness of her tribe. The Great Sarah we called her. Over her I drew a veil. Indeed, she arrived clad in the proverbial beads and smile, and I had to cover her decently before setting her to work. Sarah's grey matter would have rattled freely in the thimble of a day-old chick. One day she searched a seven-acre garden high and low to tell me the milk was boiling over. By the time I reached the kitchen there was no milk and little saucepan left.

Like many South African domestics, Sarah had home duties of her own. Being an unwilling grass widow, she had sole care of her numerous progeny, and really did little more than "oblige" me with her spare time in the best manner of the English charlady.

Again I suffered as an employer of female labour. Sarah left me to become reunited to her prodigal husband, who returned one day from matrimonial adventures in other parts of Africa. The entire family departed bedecked in wonderful garments "created" from my discarded chair covers of flowered cretonne.

A Much Good Cook-Boy.

Then I employed a "boy" who described himself as a "much good cook-boy," and answered to the name of "Sixpence." And that truly was the sum of his worth. When told one day to "cook the birds you'll find on the stoep," he dished up for dinner two burnt little corpses, which proved to be my canaries.

The brace of wild duck still lay where the baas had dumped them on the stoep table when he came home with his gun. In tears for my cremated pets, I sacked Sixpence.

Following this, I got me a brace of Basuto mammites, twin sisters, devoted to each other and to the one husband they shared.

Anna and Elsa, as they were called, had faces tattooed all over in red and blue pigment. They wore tight little bodices, vastly voluminous skirts, and the most cheerful grins imaginable. When Elsa was reprimanded for serving the custard in a shaving mug Anna grinned, and when Anna was scolded for offering a visitor a glass on a saucy lid Elsa hugely enjoyed the joke, while both explained simultaneously that the saucers were "all p'ate powder" at the moment.

And now I have a tall, stately Herrero dame, ruling me and my kitchen. She dresses, as do all the tribe, in the long trailing skirts, and close-fitting bodices complete with leg of mutton sleeves, copied from the wives of the country's earliest white settlers. The chief ensemble is topped by a two-foot high turban of brilliant hue, in which the lady parks her beadwork and brass-wire jewellery, as well as any articles she may succeed in purloining from the pantry. She takes a snuff copiously, chews tobacco, and smokes like a chimney. She knows not the meaning of "hustle," and if I ever suggest that she might accelerate a

HEROIN TAKEN TO INDUCE SLEEP.

Sufferings of Woman Drug Addict.

The case of a woman who was found unconscious in Park Lane Hotel annexe came before the magistrates at Marlborough Street recently. She is Mrs. Barbara Eleanor Gamble, 34 of no occupation, and she was charged with attempting to commit suicide by administering to herself a narcotic drug.

Evidence had previously been given that a detective-sergeant found a hypodermic syringe and needles, and a phial which had contained diamorphine hydrochloride, in Mrs. Gamble's room. When charged the woman was alleged to have said, "I have only done what 90 per cent. of women in my position would have done. I have been badly let down."

Mr. J. A. C. Keeves appeared for her the previous day, when she pleaded guilty.

A Letter to Coroner.

Detective-Sergeant Greenacre said the woman was found in her room in the Park Lane Hotel annexe, Brick Street, in a state of coma. She was examined by the hotel surgeon, and he ordered her removal to St. Stephen's Hospital. "A search was made of her rooms," added the officer, "and letters were found, one addressed to the coroner, stating her intentions."

Mr. Keeves said the woman was now 34. She married at the age of eighteen and unfortunately lost her husband shortly afterwards; she married again, and except for this offence, was of the highest possible character.

"About seven years ago she had a number of serious operations, which caused her intense pain. At the time of the operations she was prescribed by doctors various drugs to ease the pain. One of the drugs was heroin, and that was the cause of this unfortunate happening."

"It is important to note this," Mr. Keeves added. "All the drugs that she has used were prescribed for her by medical men of the very highest possible repute. She had been sleeping very badly on this night, and unfortunately took an overdose of heroin, I must say with intent. She desires me to say that she is extremely sorry for what she has done, and will undertake faithfully not to do it again."

A Friend's Offer.

Mr. Mead said he had received a letter marked "private and confidential" saying that some lady would undertake to look after Mrs. Gamble.

"I have made inquiries," said Detective-Sergeant Greenacre, "and it appears that the authorities think she should be looked after and should be under some kind of control. She has been a drug addict for some years."

Mr. Mead asked Mr. Keeves who had instructed him.

"All I can say is that they are friends of hers," was the reply. He added that a friend was waiting who could take Mrs. Gamble to her mother at Hastings by car.

The magistrate bound her over in the sum of £100 for three years. "I shall make it a condition," he said, "that you abstain from drugs except under advice from a registered practitioner."

Mr. Claude H. Hornby, a solicitor, had watched the case on behalf of an interested party.

17, AND A CLERK, BUT CANNOT READ.

When asked to take the oath at a Deptford inquest, Reginald Lauro, aged 17, of Ruby Street, Old Kent Road told the coroner (Dr. W. H. Whitehouse) that he could not read, remarking, "I am a bad scholar."

The Coroner: I sometimes wonder what we pay rates for education for. Most children of seven can read.

Lauro said that he had had to be kept away from school a good deal on account of illness.

Dr. Whitehouse, on learning that Lauro was a Turf accountant's clerk, remarked: "I suppose the fact that you cannot read does not interfere with your work. Some of you do not speak very distinctly. You would be all right for them."

Little she promptly drops on to her hunkers, fetches out her clay pipe, and lights up. Then between puffs, she harangues me shrilly in that series of tongue clicks which is the Herrero language. I am told by those who know that it is perhaps just as well I cannot understand her picturesque cataract of words.

However, this Herrero handmaid designs to "wash off" dishes, than which there is no more objectionable job on earth. For that all things must be forgiven her. In spite of her back-to-Nature ways, I suggest that she might accelerate a

Mrs. K. L. Simms in Overseas.

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Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 25)	Hakone Maru	
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Aug. 1)	President Polk	
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For	TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.	Per
Manila	California	3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Chinhua	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutsz	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Philoctetes (Due Marseilles, Sept. 19.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Registration Aug. 19, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Aug. 19, 5 p.m.	
Letters Aug. 19, 4.30 p.m.	Letters Aug. 19, 6 p.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe	Empress of Asia (Due Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 6 and *Europe via Siberia.)	
*Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Parcels Aug. 19, 5 p.m.	
	Registration Aug. 20, 9.15 a.m.	
	Letters Aug. 20, 10 a.m.	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.		
Swatow	Chak Sang	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Straits	Honolulu Maru	3.30 p.m.
Nauru and Ocean Island	Apooey	3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Haidis	4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Tokai Maru	5 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, Sept. 11 and *Europe via Siberia.)	
	Registration Aug. 21, 8.50 a.m.	
	Letters Aug. 21, 10 a.m.	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menudo Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Dardanus	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change (Due Thursday Island, Sept. 2.)	
	Parcels Aug. 21, 5 p.m.	
	Registration Aug. 22, 9.45 a.m.	
	Letters Aug. 22, 10.30 a.m.	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.		
Wei-Hai-Wei via Swatow and Foochow	Huichow	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakone Maru	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru (Due Marseilles, Sept. 22.)	
	G.P.O.	
Registration Aug. 22, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Aug. 23, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters Aug. 23, 9 a.m.	Letters Aug. 23, 9.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.		
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chengtu	8.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Protesilaus (Due Victoria, B.C., Sept. 16.)	
	Registration Aug. 23, 9.45 a.m.	
	Letters Aug. 23, 10.30 a.m.	
Amoy	President Polk	5 p.m.
Manila	Kwangchow	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Mau Sang	10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Nam Sang	
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels Aug. 25, Noon.	
	Letters Aug. 25, 1 p.m.	

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RULES OF BRIDGE.

SIGNIFICANT DECISION OF PORTLAND CLUB.

As significant a thing as has occurred in the Bridge world for some time is the decision of the Card Committee of the Portland Club to request members to discontinue the use of the Vanderbilt Club convention, notice of which has been posted in the card-room. It is understood that the committee's decision was unanimous; and it will be cheering news to those who believe that in considering the desirability of a convention something else has to be taken into account than the mere question whether it wins tricks or not. In America they like conventions which are purely artificial better than we do in Britain. There also, however, conservative forces are at work and it will be interesting to see what, if any, influence the action of the Portland will have over there; especially as at the moment the relations between the governing bodies in the two countries are growing so much closer.

From paragraphs in the Press and, still more, from gossip in bridge clubs, it seems that an attempt is being made to invest some forthcoming games between certain British and American players—the games to be at Contract on the Duplicate principle—with a semi-official character, as if they were in the nature of a British-American Test match. There is no justification for such an attempt. The governing body in neither country has given the games any official sanction or had anything to do with the selection of the "teams" of four aside. Whatever publicity may be obtained for it, the "match" has no more international importance than any one of a hundred such games which are played nightly on Trans-Atlantic liners.

Differences in Contract Codes. What is of much more importance is the effort which is now being made, by correspondence between the Portland Club and the New York Whist Club, to adjust the difference in the Contract codes in the two countries, so that we may play the game under the same laws. When the Card Committee of the Portland Club drew up the present "Laws of Contract Bridge" it did so under instructions from the conference of representatives of 12 London clubs, which directed that the new laws should be "based on the Portland Club Laws of Auction Bridge." In accordance with those instructions, a code was produced, closely based on the Auction Laws, which in form and verbiage is immensely superior to the American code, or to any former code in Britain. The form and verbiage, however, are less important than the substance; and in substance the Portland Club adopted the American game almost en bloc. In the closing paragraph of the introduction to the new Laws, the Committee said:

All bridge players will share the hope that the few outstanding points of difference between the American and the British codes may in due course be harmonised, so that there may be one Code of Laws of Contract Bridge. By the exchange of visits of official representatives of each country and by correspondence it is understood that considerable progress has been made towards clearing the ground for a final adjustment and that formal proposals for the settlement of all the outstanding points are in process of being communicated by one country to the other. And a settlement ought not to be hard to reach.

Waiving Minor Points. In view of the promptitude with which we adopted the American game so nearly in its entirety, we may expect the Americans, as a matter of courtesy, to waive minor points which do not affect any essentials of the game. For example, the present method of drawing or cutting cards, as devised by the Portland Club, is as good and as fraud-proof as can be found; nor has it ever been clear why the Americans abandoned the old whist

rule that the ace should count low in cutting, which for many years was as universally recognised in the United States as it was in England. On the much more important point of the penalty for underbidding, it is doubtful if British opposition to the American rule would be quite insuperable. If, finally, we made concession in this, it would seem that we might look for a similar concession on the American side in the only other serious point of difference—namely, for a revoke. No law can, perhaps, be devised which will be just to every kind of revoke, but the substance of the American law is not liked, while the most patriotic American could hardly defend the perfectly dreadful clauses in which that substance is expressed. Altogether, then, the existing differences are so few, and the convenience of having a common code would be so great that, with a little reasonableness on both sides, it ought not to be difficult to come together.

Meanwhile, it is far from certain that the possession of a common code will mean the playing of the same kind of game in the two countries. It is known that, before this latest decision, the Goulash was unpopular at the Portland and was unpopular at the Portland and the more eccentric developments of slambidding had been given up; and it seems almost too much to hope that, even with the same laws, we shall ever be found playing quite the same Bridge.

\$10,000,000 SCHEME.

VAST HIRE-PURCHASE CLEARING HOUSE.

A vast hire-purchase "clearing house," backed by resources totalling more than \$10,000,000, will be formed in London. The object of the clearing house is to protect firms who sell goods on hire-purchase terms against defaulting customers.

All hire-purchase agreements will be registered at the clearing house. A business man supplying goods under a hire-purchase agreement will be able to consult this register and thus see the extent of his customer's commitments under other hire-purchase agreements. What is more important still, he will be able to find out whether the customer has faithfully carried out his obligations under earlier hire-purchase agreements; for the clearing house will be in a position to obtain information from any of its members, and will pass this information on to the others. In order to prevent the trade secrets of one firm becoming known to another, all information will pass through the clearing house.

Already leading trade associations and large retail distributors have come into the scheme, and a committee has been formed to put the proposals into operation. A central clearing house will be set up in London forthwith and branches will follow later in provincial cities. The clearing house register will begin with a list of more than a million names. Support is assured from:—Firms who finance hire-purchase; Motor-car agents; Furniture dealers (including most of the great multiple stores); The great department stores; Gramophone, wireless, and piano trade; Domestic and office equipment firms.

An arbitration committee will be set up to consider all questions affecting hire-purchase, whether between trader and trader or between customer and trader.

It is also intended to form a parliamentary committee to watch all legislation or Government actions affecting hire-purchase. Hire-purchase has grown to such vast proportions in recent years that a central controlling body has become essential, and it is hoped to be able to bring pressure to bear on firms whose business methods are questionable.

The operations of the clearing house will safeguard dealers and by establishing confidence in hire-purchase, will also protect and assist the public.

Have You Heard?

"My razor's awfully blunt, dear. I can scarcely shave with it." "Why, Charles, you don't mean to tell me that your beard is tougher than the linoleum."

West London Magistrate: Why did you get drunk this time? Old Offender: I was upset over the news from India.

The chief wag of a suburban golf club strolled into the clubhouse and told the assembled members, "I'm full of beans this morning. I feel I could go out and beat Bobby Jones again."

A new member, who was not up to his tricks, stared at him. "Again?" he queried. "Oh, yes," said the witty one, "I've often felt like that before."

A first-timer going round the course with an old hand meets a friend at the third hole. "Hallo, Tam, are you beating him?"

"Beating him? That's easy. He only gets a shot now and again; I am daeing at the playing mase!"

Browne had long endeavoured to become proficient at golf, but with only moderate success. He decided to spend his holiday at one of those famous golfing resorts, and on the first morning of his stay, marched on to the first tee, complete with caddy.

After taking up his stance and going through the usual preliminaries, he took his swing, and completely missed his ball. Then he tried again with the same result, while his third efforts only scrambled his ball a few yards down the fairway.

"Man," said his caddy, "some day you'll be a champion." "Do you really mean that?" asked Browne.

"Aye, at throwing the hammer."

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/8 %
Bank, on demand	1/8 %
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/4
Credit, 4 months' sight	1/4 9/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4 11/16
On Paris—	
On demand	820
Credit, 4 months' sight	860
On New York—	
On demand	32 1/2
Credit, 60 days' sight	33 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	89 1/2
On demand	89 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	89 1/2
On demand	89 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	67 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	64 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	71 1/2
Dollar	10 1/2 % dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	65
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4 %
Silver (per oz.)	16 13/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	8 1/2 dis. nom.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	8 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.86
New York	4.873
Brussels	34.85
Geneva	25.045
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	92.98
Berlin	20.39
Oslo	18.17 1/2
Stockholm	18.125
Copenhagen	18.165

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 19th August, 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$	1450	...	...	Dec.	Interim 2 1/2 % for 1929 Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	£	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 7 1/2 % bonus for 1929 Apr. 5, 30
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	£	...	23	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Apr. 5, 30
Bank of Asia	£	...	12 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Apr. 5, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$	945	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 % for 1929 May 16, 30
China Ins.	\$	440	...	137	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 30, 30
Union Underwriters	\$	91	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	\$	400	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$	970	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 30, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	\$	26	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	\$	242	25	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$	48	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 June 19, 29
Shell Transports	£	40	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 July 8, 30
Union Waterboats	\$	32	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet	\$	6 1/2	Dec.	Interim 15 cents for 1929 Apr. 5, 30
Kailan Mining Ad.	£	...	30/9	...	June	Interim 15 cents for 1929 June 30, 30
Langkat	£	8 1/2	Oct.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 8, 30
Shai Exploration	£	1.30	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 July 1, 30
Loans	£	Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 % for 1929 June 19, 30
Raubs	\$	22 1/2	Mar.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 31, 30
Tronoh Mines	£	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$...	165	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	\$...	89	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
China Providents	\$	5	5.10	5	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Hongkew	£	260	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 31, 30
N. Engineering	£	7 1/2	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks	£	117	...	...	Apr.	Final 10 % for 1929 July 30, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	\$	10 1/2	10 1/2	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands C/R	\$...	80	...	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 Aug. 8, 30
X/R	\$	70	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 July 31, 30
Rights	\$...	15	14	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 May 7, 30
Shanghai Lands	£	287	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 Sep. 4, 30
Humphreys	\$...	16	...	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 July 31, 30
H. K. Reclides	\$...	9.40	...	Dec.	Interim 10 % for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
Chinese Estates	\$	87	Feb.	Final 10 % for 1929 July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	£	11.85	12	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 17, 30
Shanghai Cotton	£	80	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 28, 30
Zong Sing	£	9	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Oct. 11, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	\$	18.40	18.60	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents for 1929 Aug. 27, 30
Peak Trams (old)	\$	Apr.	Final 10 % for 1929 June 16, 30
Peak Trams (new)	\$	6.15	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferries	\$	35	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 13, 30
China Light (old)	\$	29.40	29.60	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 12, 30
China Light (new)	\$	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
H. K. Electric	\$	77	77 1/2	77	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Macao	\$	23	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Sandakan Lights	\$	11 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Aug. 1, 30
H.K. Tel. (old)	\$	32	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Feb. 25, 30
H.K. Tel. (new)	\$	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
China Buses	£	18 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	\$...	10 1/2	...	Sept.	Final 10 % for 1929 Feb. 5, 30
S'port Tractors (Pref.)	\$	18/9	Sept.	Final 10 % for 1929
Industrial.						
China Sugars	\$	1	...	...	Dec.	In Liquidation
Malayan Sugars	\$	37	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Apr. 11, 29
Calds Macg. Ord.	£	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Apr. 30, 30
Canton Ice	\$...	10.40	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Cements (com.)	\$	17 1/2	17.50	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 19, 30
Cements (old)	\$	13 1/2	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Cements (new)	\$	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
H. K. Ropes	\$	10.60	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
United Asbestos	\$	5	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	\$	24.30	24 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 14, 30
Watsons	\$	12	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings	\$	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Lane Crawfords	\$	3	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Mackintosh	\$	18 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 May 15, 30
Sinceres	\$...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929 June 10, 29
Wm. Powells	\$...	2.65	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	\$	36	Mar.	Final 10 % for 1929 July 25, 29
Ch. Entertainment	\$	10	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
H. K. Constructions	\$...	1.90	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
B. Ind. G. Bonds	\$...	62 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
H. K. Govt. Loans	\$...	81 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 10 % for 1929
Other.						
Vienna	\$	34.46	...	...	...	...
Prague	\$	164 1/4	...	...	...	...
Helsingfors	\$	198 1/2	...	...	...	...
Madrid	\$	45.55	...	...	...	...
Lisbon	\$	108.25	...	...	...	...
Athens	\$	276	...	...	...	...
Bucharest	\$	818	...	...	...	...
Rio	\$	4	31/32	...	...	...
Buenos Aires	\$	41	...	...	...	...
Bombay	\$	1/5	3/4	...	...	...
Yokohama	\$	2/0	11/32
Shanghai	\$	1/6	3/4
Hong Kong	\$	1/3	11/16
Silver Spot and Forward	\$	16	13/15
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CHURCH VIEW OF MURDERERS.

Primate's Opposition to Death Penalty.

Arguments in favour of the abolition of the death penalty were put forward by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple), in evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on capital punishment recently.

The meeting was held at the unusually early hour of ten o'clock in order to enable the Archbishop to attend the morning session of the Lambeth Conference.

Dissenting from the view that punishment was regulated vengeance the Archbishop said that the central element in punishment was retribution.

From the specifically Christian point of view, the Archbishop continued, vengeance was entirely illegitimate. Society had a duty to the whole body of its citizens including the offender.

The infliction of death or outlawry would be perhaps justifiable for a man who was wholly evil, but no person was ever so.

The chairman (The Rev. James Barry): You hold nobody is beyond the hope of reformation?

The Archbishop: That is exactly my point.

When you rule out vengeance, you are thinking of the words "Vengeance is mine, I will repay"—And of the whole spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

He considered that capital punishment was not specially effective as a deterrent. Whatever value there was in the death penalty was counter-balanced by the example of the State itself taking life.

Sanctity of Life.

The chairman: What would you reply to the argument that the life taken by the murderer was sacred, and that the sanctity of life was still further emphasised by the community taking the life of the murderer?

The Archbishop: The effect of the State respecting life as to refuse to take it would undoubtedly be greater than the effect of its so condemning murder, as to take the life of the murderer. The reaction of the individual to the behaviour of the community as a whole is so largely imitative, rather than argumentative, that the State has a duty to set an example.

The chairman: You think if the State were to abolish the death penalty on account of the sanctity of life, that would immediately begin to have a far-reaching influence?

Effect of Abolition.

The Archbishop: I think it would begin, I suppose some murders would then be committed which otherwise would not have been committed. But I think the general effect would be in the other direction, and I believe it would reduce the number of murders rather than otherwise.

Mr. Ramsbotham asked Dr. Temple whether it was not the case that the murderer had possibly ended the victim's life suddenly, whereas the murderer afterwards had time to prepare for death.

The Archbishop replied that when one thought of accident it was quite impossible to feel that eternal life depended upon the frame of mind at the particular moment of death as compared with the general tenor of life, and though the consideration Mr. Ramsbotham had mentioned was quite real, he did not feel it was very weighty.

Asked by Sir Gervais Rentoul whether he thought there should be any retributive element in punishment, Dr. Temple said that there must be means by which it was made plain to the criminal and others that society condemned and repudiated his action.

A Politician Of Six.

Six-year-old: "Father, may I have a penny for a poor old man?"

Father: "Certainly, my boy. Where is he?"

Six-year-old: "At the end of the road, selling ice-cream."

Six-year-old probably got his penny. He deserved it, if only for his polite approach to the delicate subject. Some of our wiser ones are born politicians, when it comes to getting things—want such as ice-cream. And after all, such little treats, now and then, do them far more good than harm. There's little harm in ice-cream, eaten slowly, and so long as not too much is taken at once. And on those occasions when a child has over-indulged in some such childish joy, parents will find the ideal corrective in Baby's Own Tablets.

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PRINCES FOR FEDERAL IDEAL.

A Plea for the Round Table Conference.

London, July 23.

A largely attended reception in honour of the President and Council of the East India Association was given by the Chief of Bhor, who addressed the gathering on "Indian Princes and the Present Constitution."

The Chief reviewed the problems affecting the States and expressed gratification that the Butler and Simon Commissions had been convinced of the justice of many of the claims and contentions of the States. Though some points still needed further consideration, he had no doubt that the Princes would receive full justice. He made it clear that the States were not opposed to the idea of an All-India federation, while rejecting compulsion.

He referred especially to their financial and economic claims and felt that the Butler and Simon Commissioners had tried to take away with one hand what the other had given. The Chief referred also to the grievances of the States which were non-permanent members of the Chamber of Princes and advocated in this connection the removal of anomalies when the Constitution was revised.

Loyalty to Crown.

After referring to the traditional loyalty of the Indian Princes to the Crown and their sympathy with the aspirations of British India on the basis of the solidarity of the British connection, the Chief of Bhor appealed to the British people generously and dispassionately to consider all aspects of the present political situation in India in order to reach a satisfactory solution. He appealed also to Indians of all parties and opinions to attend the Round Table Conference, as in view of the sympathetic attitude of Mr. Bann and Lord Irwin, the present seemed the most propitious moment for reaching the goal.

The Chief of Bhor was thanked by Sir Leslie Wilson, who referred to the notable loyalty of the Bhor family, which was exemplified during his Governorship by his co-operation at great expense in the extension of the Lloyd Dam, and Sir Louis Datta, who pointed out the importance of the subject of the Indian States. He gave an assurance that everything would be done to satisfy all reasonable claims made on behalf of the States.

TELL TALE RINGS SHOW TREES' AGE.

Records on Trunks Supply Historical Data

MAGIC KEY.

Through long-past ages and with unbroken regularity, trees have jotted down an accurate history of the times, and by learning how to read these records a magic key has been discovered to open the book of American history from the present time back to eight centuries before Columbus set the Spanish flag on our shores. This fascinating story was told at the music auditorium to the scientists gathered for the 14th annual session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the University of Oregon by Andrew Ellicott Douglass, astronomer and archaeologist of the University of Arizona.

By the study of tree rings, Dr. Douglass has pushed accurately dated American history back to 700 A.D., 200 years before the establishment of the Bonito pueblo, the oldest definitely dated ruins in the American southwest. Ancient Indian ruins, the numerous dwellings of the Hopi tribes and other early Americans, now have their chronological place in our history. Thus, the diaries of the trees long closed to man, have become open books, revealing over a thousand years of American history.

Record of Rainfall.
The lean and fat years of rainfall in the arid southwest are recorded in the lean and fat annual rings of the trees. Dr. Douglass found, and used this knowledge in making his astounding history. If every year were just the same, growth rings would mean nothing, but in arid territories, where the most important thing to man, beast and plant is rain, the rings of the pines are exceedingly accurate.

The development of this tree-ring study presents an excellent example of combining three sciences into one—astronomy, archaeology and meteorology. Originally Dr. Douglass' work was the study of sun spots. It is known that there is a periodicity in their occurrence, and that they are most numerous at intervals of 11 years. As an aid in that astronomical investigation, the scientist studied trees, for solar changes affect the weather, and the weather in turn, affects the trees, in Arizona's dry climate.

While living trees record the later years, earlier records were obtained from beams in old ruins; which were matched together until a whole ring progression from 700 to 1929 A.D. was established.

Several expeditions were sent out by the National Geographic society, with Dr. Douglass as the leader, to carry on this work, which has taken a number of years.

With careful study, Dr. Douglass believes that we shall perhaps be able to trace the movements of clans and test tribal traditions which have been so often quoted as the early history of these people. The combination of climatic conditions with tribal activities presents a rich field for studying influence of climate on human history.

BID FOR FREEDOM.

WANDSWORTH CONVICT'S SMART ESCAPE.

London, July 4.

While the convicts of Wandsworth Prison were at their morning exercise this week the warders suddenly saw two men dash from the squad and make for a twenty-foot wall which the fester of the two men, named Turner, managed to climb. The other was caught, but Turner, who had the assistance of outside accomplices, with a rope ladder succeeded in making one of the smartest escapes from a prison on record. The accomplices drove up to the house beside the prison just before eight. A man alighted taking a window cleaner's ladder into the garden of the house. He placed it against the wall, which separates the garden from the prison exercise yard and threw over a rope ladder. The exact minute for the execution of the coup had evidently been precisely fixed, for in a few seconds Turner appeared on the top of the wall, was assisted over by a man on the ladder and the two rushed into a flying car which drove off at top speed as the prison bell pealed.

The other man, Sparks, was followed by a warder's truncheon as he was trying to mount the rope ladder. It is believed that Turner and Sparks communicated with each other in prison by a system of signalling through tapping metal mugs. Both were members of a motor bandit gang described by the Common Sergeant at the Old Bailey last May as "very dangerous" and both were undergoing sentences of five years for highway robbery and five years for conspiracy.

ALCOHOL AS ENERGY SOURCE.

Real Physical Benefits to Be Derived.

WINE DRINKING.

Paris, July 2.

Alcohol taken in quantities not exceeding 10 cubic centimetres per hour will furnish a fairly active person with 17 per cent. of his daily chemical energy requirements, enemies of wine drinking are being told by Professors H. College of Medicine at Bordeaux, right in the heart of the wine region.

In a report entitled, "Wine from the Medical Point of View," which they jointly presented before the International League against Prohibition in its recent congress at Budapest, the two French professors attempt to show that aside from the pleasure of wine drinking there are real physical benefits to be gained.

Medical Benefits.
After citing experiments showing that guinea pigs and horses gain in weight and strength when wine is mixed with their food, the two professors summarize some of the medical benefits of wine as follows:

(1) Wine is antiseptic, and may be used for the prophylaxis of certain hygienic diseases. Taken pure it rapidly kills cholera germs;

(2) Wine, as all fermented beverages, contains necessary vitamins;

(3) Wine seems to possess a certain radio-activity;

(4) Wine is an exciting factor of the digestive secretions and facilitates digestion; it prepares nutrition admirably.

A dry white wine, they reported, would kill the bacillus of Eberth in 20 minutes while an ordinary red wine does the same trick in two hours. Moderate wine consumption also assists the functions of the liver, all of which leads the two professors to the following conclusion:

"Total prohibition is a mistake since it deprives the individual of a healthy aliment, and it often leads him to look elsewhere, in a less healthy manner, the true satisfaction afforded by the absorption of natural wine."—United Press.

POPE ILL.

SURGEON SUMMONED FROM FRANCE.

Rome, July 2.

Dr. Marimen, the famous French surgeon, was summoned to Vatican City last week, to examine the Pope, who is suffering from a slight tumour.

An operation was not necessary, but the Pope must undergo a special cure, and work less hard.

His condition is stated to be improving.

The Pope referred to the dispute with the Maltese Government, addressing a secret consistory to-day. He said that in spite of the sincere desire of the Vatican peace had been made impossible by the conduct of persons outside its jurisdiction.

The situation was grave, and had been discussed with the British Government. The Holy See was on most friendly terms with Britain, and he hoped their relations would even grow more intimate and cordial.

STANDARD TIMES

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for August. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:

August	Sunrise	Sunset
19	6.02	6.52
20	6.02	6.52
21	6.02	6.51
22	6.03	6.50
23	6.03	6.49
24	6.03	6.48
25	6.03	6.47
26	6.04	6.46
27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.43
31	6.05	6.43

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1-CONQUER	2-A measure of weight	3-Being to the morning	4-The first man	5-A spot	6-Madame (abbr.)	7-A foot-like organ	8-Elongated fish	9-An island of the Malay archipelago	10-A very violent storm	11-A compass point (abbr.)	12-A brief note	13-In no manner	14-Thus	15-To strike gently	16-A stroke in tennis	17-Encouraged	18-Heaps up	19-Heats in speech	20-Conjunction	21-A brief letter	22-A type measure	23-A watch tower in Spain	24-The wind flower	25-Girl's name	26-So be it	27-A volcano in Sicily	28-One side of a book	29-leaf	30-To cause	31-The High Galle	32-To employ	33-To ask, as how	34-Over (cont.)	35-A period
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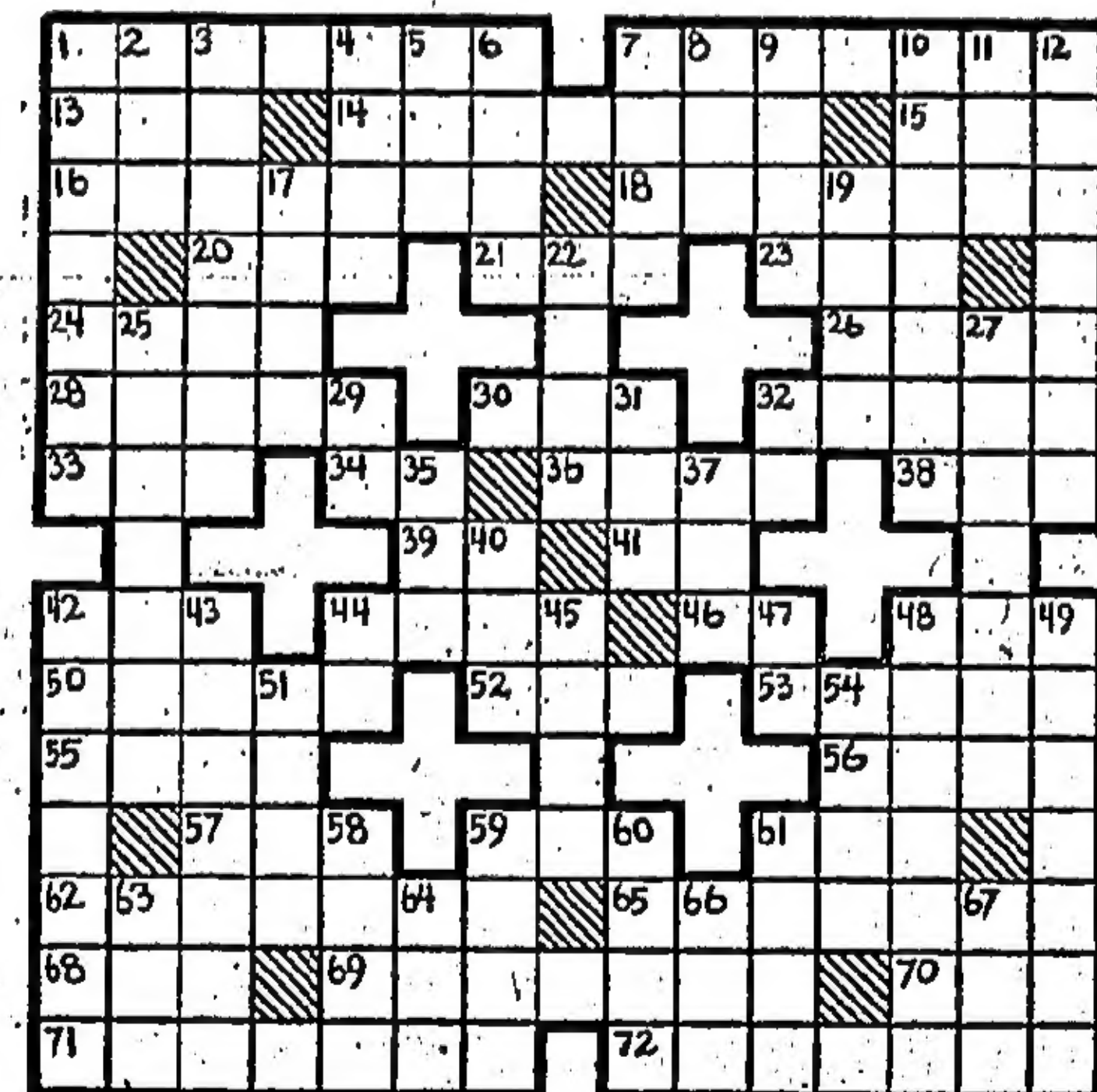
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-CONQUER	32-A measure of weight	12-Rich hangings for a church
7-High-natured	33-Belonging to the morning	17-Ones (Scott.)
13-Highest note of Guido's scale	34-The first man	19-A British seaport of Arabia
14-Favoring neither contestant	35-A spot	22-American tribe of Indians
15-Spanish for river	37-Madame (abbr.)	23-Traversed
16-A famous Sultan of Byzia	38-A foot-like organ	27-Pertaining to earthquakes
18-Arrives at a desired object	39-An island of the Malay archipelago	29-Musical note
20-A substitute (abbr.)	40-A very violent storm	31-In no manner
21-A substitute (abbr.)	41-A compass point (abbr.)	32-Thus
22-Queer	42-A brief note	33-To strike gently
23-The highest point	43-A stroke in tennis	34-Encouraged
24-Otherwise	44-Heaps up	35-Heats in speech
25-Grain for grinding	45-Tender like a saw	36-Conjunction
26-Grime of contempt	46-One of the higher order of clergy	37-A brief letter
27-Greek goddess of the dawn		38-A type measure
28-Pronoun		39-A watch tower in Spain
29-A composition for a single voice		40-The wind flower
30-Short for slater		41-Girl's name
31-Exist		42-So be it
41-Toward		43-A volcano in Sicily
42-A silly fellow		44-One side of a book
43-To unfuck		45-leaf
44-To exist		46-To cause
45-American Medical Association (abbr.)		47-The High Galle
46-Metric unit of length		48-To employ
		49-To ask, as how
		50-Over (cont.)
		51-A period

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres—

6 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.
 Gavotte, from "Mignon", "La Cinquantaine".
 Squire Celeste Octet (3877).
 "Waiting for the Moon".
 "Every Sunday Afternoon".
 Layton & Johnstone (3856).
 "Scherzo" (Beethoven).
 "At the Brook" (de Buisson).
 The Chornavsky Trio (3423).
 "Ro-Ro-Rollin' Along"—Fox Trot, "Any"—Fox Trot.
 Debroy Somers Band (4230).
 "Fugliacci"—Prologue (Leoncavallo), Harold Williams, Baritone (3843).
 "Fides March".
 "Spanish Waltz".
 "Quite Alright".
 "Thing-Um-Mv-Bob".
 George Robey, Comedian (4460).
 "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia", "My Old Kentucky Home".
 The Century Quartette (3772).
 Susie's "Feller".
 "That's a Good Girl".
 Vaughn de Leath, Comedienne (4274).
 "Salut D'Amour"—Elegy.
 Barcarolle "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach).
 Squire Celeste Octet (4294).
 "Somewhere a Voice is Calling" (Tate).
 "Angels Guard Thee" (Goddard).
 Master John Bonner, Boy Soprano (DB156).
 "Happy Go Lucky Large"—Fox Trot, "Lila"—Fox Trot.
 The Piccadilly Players (4977).
 "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise".
 "Just a Cottage Small".
 Organ Solo by Jack Courtney (4371).
 "Hungarian Folk Tunes" (Bela Bartok).
 Violin Solo by Joseph Szeged (LX31).
 "Nouveau Omb" (Melvin).
 "A Couple O' Dicks" (Wester).
 Raymond Newell, Baritone (DB131).
 "A Country Girl"—Selection (Monekton).
 The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force (MX10).
 "The Driver of the 8.15" (Longstaffe).
 "Ayresbury Ducks" (Harding).
 Malcolm McEachern, Bass (DB132).
 "Tocatta in F" (Vidor).
 "The Valkyries" (Wagner).
 Organ Solo by Quentin M. McLean (DX66).
 "Operation"—Famous Operatic Melodies (Squire).
 Squire Octet (DX62).
 8 p.m.—Chinese Relay from the Ho Shing Theatre.
 9 p.m.—Weather Report and Local Time.
 Relay continued.
 11 p.m.—Close Down.

SCOTS' PROGRESS.

BIG BROADCASTING STUDIO IN EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, July 24. Studios larger than any in the country and as well equipped as those at Savoy Hill are the main features of Broadcasting House, 5 Queen Street, Edinburgh, into which the Scottish B.B.C. moved last week, and from which the main Scottish programmes have been broadcast since the news bulletin on Saturday evening. A glimpse of Scotland's radio-casting headquarters was afforded an Evening News man. Broadcasting House was formerly the Edinburgh Queen's Hall. In a more blasé age it degenerated into a dance club. Now the B.B.C. has restored it to its pristine dignity, and it will take its place in a new and more glorious chapter in the history of the Scottish arts. But at the moment it is neither dignified nor glorious. The premises are still in the hands of tradesmen. Those who have seen the main studio at Blythwood Square, Glasgow, will have a good idea of No. 2 studio in the Edinburgh building. It is somewhat larger, however, and the silence cabinet is situated at the end of the room farthest from the microphone. From here will be broadcast the Children's Hour entertainments, small orchestral concerts, and possibly small dramatic entertainments. The walls of this studio will be draped, but will be lined with some kind of textile material and decorated in simple pastel shades. The whole decoration of the building is being carried out with the guidance of a well-known Scottish art consultant. Largest in Britain. Number 1 studio has been constructed out of the old Queen's Hall itself. It is the largest broadcasting studio in Great Britain, and when completed will be one of the finest from every point of view and especially from the point of view of decoration. The stage has been extended so that it can now accommodate a full

ly large orchestra. On three sides are commodious galleries from which invited audiences will, on occasion, be able to see and hear the performance of broadcast artists before the microphone. To the side of the stage, the silence cabinet window looks on to the stage like a theatre box. On the opposite side is a dressing room and cloakroom for announcers.

Special care has been given to the decoration of this studio, which will also be draped with textile material. There are also facilities for the operation of spot-lights. Old-fashioned brackets used to support the roofs of the galleries will be removed, and the whole hall will be brought into line with modern art requirements.

A third studio will be used for "talks." This is a much smaller room, but bears the same evidences of careful planning as the other two. It is designed with the intention of putting speakers at their ease, of making them feel "at home."

The microphone stands on a little writing desk at one end of the room, and the speaker delivers his talk from the comfort of an armchair. To his left are the gramophones—for this room will also be used for the gramophone record recitals—and against the wall behind him is a handsome bookcase. A few appropriate etchings complete the atmosphere of a study.

On the top floor the engineers are situated. The engineers are lucky in that their rooms command the best view. These immediately overlook Queen Street Gardens, and afford a fine glimpse of the Firth of Forth and a long stretch of Fifeshire.

On this floor is situated the control room—perhaps the best equipped room of its kind in Britain. In one room one notices a musicians' gallery—a reminder of the days when this flat was the home of the Edinburgh Society of Musicians.

A Worthy Building. The rest of the building is taken up with offices, rooms for the officials, cloak-room accommodation. In the basement there are large rooms in which the Uncles and Aunties of the Children's Hour spend their time answering the letters of members of the Circle and preparing the programmes. Here, too, is situated the echo room. The Edinburgh B.B.C. studio never had an echo room before, but this has always been a feature of the Glasgow studio.

In Broadcasting House, Scotland will have a building worthy of its status as a nation. Glasgow people may yet see cause for regret that they did not make any great public protest against its being situated in Edinburgh. It looks as if it were rather late in the day to start protesting now.

RADIO EXPANSION IN THE EMPIRE.

Good News for Colonial Listeners-In.

NEW SCHEME.

News of great interest to listeners-in in all parts of the Empire comes to hand through Reuters, who, quoting the Daily News and Chronicle, give details of a proposal to establish a short-wave Empire broadcasting station with a world-wide range at Daventry.

The following interesting comment on Empire broadcasting problems was made by the Times in mail week:

It has often been said that the gift of wireless was vouchsafed to humanity for the special benefit of the British Empire. In return for such a benefaction it can in justice be said that this country has played no small part in the truly amazing development of radio-communication as we know it to-day. It was in Britain that the young genius Marconi, well over a quarter of a century ago, found opportunities and official support for his early experiments, while to-day the short-wave, wireless beam stations which link up the Motherland and the Dominions constitute an unparalleled system of efficient and inexpensive communication. But the discussion at the Colonial Office Conference and... the recently published third annual report (1929) of the B.B.C. makes it clear that achievement is not to be allowed to engender complacency, and that those responsible are continually asking themselves whether the fullest use is being made of this priceless gift in binding together the nations of the Empire across the seas. The wonder of the wireless telegraph has been surpassed by the wonder of the wireless telephone. This, telegraph stations pull out their messages in Morse to the expert stations by the thousands, and the wireless telephone has a magic

and universal appeal; and now that the plans of the B.B.C. for giving the home listener a satisfactory service have been worked out, and to some extent put into operation, the question of Empire Broadcasting assumes the greatest possible importance.

The annual report states that the problem connected with the provision of the regular service to the Empire, have been worked upon in detail, and a full review of the position, with particulars as to technical requirements, character and timing of programmes, probable response overseas, and cost, was placed before the Government in the latter part of the year. To some extent it may be said that Empire Broadcasting is an accomplished fact in that the B.B.C. short-wave station at Chelmsford (5SW) already relays some of the British programmes for the benefit of overseas listeners. But technicians are of opinion that 5SW does not represent an adequate expression of modern short-wave technique. The station is certainly not powerful enough. No one is more aware of this than the B.B.C. engineers themselves. That the station is purely experimental has been emphasized by the fact that the programmes have not been published long enough beforehand to be of use to overseas listeners. In other words the transmissions have been carried out primarily for technical ends, the entertainment value being considered as being of secondary importance. Overseas listeners equipped with short-wave receivers have co-operated enthusiastically with the B.B.C., and as a result that body is now in possession of a vast amount of useful technical data concerning suitable and unsuitable times and places for reception. From the reports received three conclusions may be drawn—first that a satisfactory service of Empire Broadcasting is very desirable; secondly that more than one wave-length is necessary to mitigate the vagaries, such as fading, which are encountered in long-distance reception; and thirdly that an Imperial service must embrace as much of the twenty-four hours as possible, so that the local time of reception may be a convenient one.

An ideal scheme for broadcasting to the Dominions would undoubtedly be a system of beam stations, each economically confining its energy in the direction of a particular place in which reception was desired; but in view of the costly nature of such an undertaking a more modest station will probably represent the next stage. But even an up-to-date 5SW of much increased power and duplicate wave-lengths with an almost continuous programme will cost money, and it has yet to be decided who shall pay for Empire Broadcasting. It might well be argued that it is not necessarily the business of the B.B.C. to provide this service, though they are undoubtedly the body best qualified to do it if the expenses can be met; and Sir John Reith told the Colonial Office Conference that whatever there might be of benefit in the British system, in British work and British prestige would be available, free of charge, to the Colonies, provided that the actual out-of-pocket expenses involved in organizing an Empire service could be met from some source. In the matter of upkeep it has sometimes been suggested that the money should be provided out of the portion of the wireless licence fee of ten shillings which is siphoned by the Post Office before the rest is handed over to the B.B.C. But there is little doubt that the overseas listener would be willing to contribute if a satisfactory service were forthcoming. Moreover the Homeland need not be the only one to broadcast. In time each Dominion may broadcast to the rest of the Empire. The only difficulties appear to be financial, and an attempt at their solution would certainly form a suitable item for the agenda of the Imperial Conference in the autumn.

SOCIETY SENSATION.

London, July 24.

Washington. — A sensation has been caused in diplomatic society by the announcement of the engagement of Miss Cytha Stourton, niece of Lady Howard, wife of the British ex-Ambassador, and Signor Florvanti, del Agnese, a handsome Italian butler at the British Embassy.

The romance began when Miss Stourton arrived in 1924 to act as Social Secretary to Lady Howard. Miss Stourton sailed for England on Saturday, determined to return and marry Agnese, as soon as possible, whether her family approved or disapproved of it. She is most popular in Washington society. Several friends have placed their names at her disposal for the marriage.

"ELECTRICITY MAN" SEEKS GOLD.

Puzzle for Mining Engineers.

Johannesburg, June 11. Keen interest continues to be manifested in scientific and mining circles in Rhodesia in the semi-official tests to which Mr. F. Stone, commonly known as the "electric man," is being subjected.

Mr. Stone attracted attention in England by demonstrations of an unusual gift of ascertaining the presence of metals underground by means of a divining rod, used in much the same manner as in the case of water-divining. He was induced to come out to Rhodesia by a prominent citizen of Gatooma interested in mining enterprises, and his powers have since been tested by experts with remarkable results.

Mr. Stone attributes his powers to the fact that his body contains "a super-charge of electricity," which necessitates his constantly wearing thick rubber soles to his boots. Some while ago a series of experiments was conducted under the supervision of officials of the Government Geological Department.

Buried Bags of Gold.

The "electric man" was set to locate buried bags of gold. Six bags, three containing granite and three containing soil in which were placed lumps of gold ore, were secreted with the tops of the bags open. Equipped with his usual apparatus—a large clock spring—Mr. Stone proceeded on his quest, and it is indisputable that the spring began to twist and oscillate violently as he passed over the bags containing the gold.

As a further test, unknown to the diviner, the Head of the Geological Department buried a number of silver coins in various parts of the grounds, and Mr. Stone discovered all these with one exception. The undiscovered coin had been placed beneath a flattened match box, and Mr. Stone explains his failure in this instance as being due to the wooden box acting as an insulator.

A theory advanced by the experts is that with his "super-charge of electricity" Mr. Stone's body contains the property possessed by the electrical instruments used in modern methods of mineral divining and thus establishes definite electrical contact between the hidden metal and the clock spring.—Morning Post.

JAPANESE SHARE.

DUTCH EAST INDIES INDUSTRIES.

Fears recently manifested as to the eventual economic penetration of the Netherlands East Indies by Japan are entirely dismissed by Mr. C. Leckerkerker, of the Netherlands Java Institute.

In an article in the Indische Gids, he shows not only that Japanese immigration is of no importance, but that Japan's share of the industrial activities of the territory is so small as to be scarcely worth notice.

Of the Japanese who went to the Dutch East Indies in 1929, he says that 1,266 men and 468 women were resident in Java, and 1,369 men and 1,055 women in the outer possessions.

In the districts with the greatest number of Japanese, viz. the East Coast of Sumatra and Acheen, and Dependencies, where the tin mines employ a great number of men at high wages, there were many more women than men, and according to Mr. Leckerkerker, anyone familiar with life in the Indies would understand why this was so; and that the occupation of those women was not that of military spies or industrial workers.

According to a recent census on Sumatra's East Coast, there were 373 Japanese women; in Acheen 78 against 90, and in Banka 13 against 45. In any case, the increase in the men was not so considerable as to justify the fear of unfair economic competition.

Japanese Capital.

As regards industries with Japanese capital during the last few years, Japan had taken a modest share in rubber culture, in silk production, forest exploitation (Borneo), and in fisheries (Batavia, Padang, Manado). At Tandjong Priok alone there were 700 Japanese fishermen. A few devoted themselves to agriculture on a small scale (rubber, coconut, pepper, etc.), together with silk-worm cultivation in Bencoolen, and diamond digging in Borneo, while in the Aroe Islands, in New Guinea and in parts of Timor one found Japanese pearl fishers.

Japan possesses a Department for the Colonies and Emigration, which naturally extends its activities to the Dutch East Indies; but Japanese immigration, apparently makes very little response. In 1929 only 211 Japanese applied

WAR MATERIAL FOR RUSSIA.

Authorities Disfavour Supply of Aeroplanes.

Through the abandonment by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore of plans to sell twenty twin-motored bombing aeroplanes at a cost of about \$2,000,000 to Russia, it has become known that the United States Government has adopted a policy amounting to an embargo on the export of arms, munitions and military aeroplanes to the Soviet Union.

Reports from Baltimore that the projected sale had fallen through were followed by admissions at the State Department that it had vetoed the arrangement on May 14 through a letter to the Martin company, stating that it "views with disfavour" the exportation of armaments to Russia, inasmuch as the United States has no diplomatic relations with the Government. The department said to-day, however, that commercial planes might be exported to Russia. The action was taken for the department by Joseph Cotton, Under-Secretary of State, as Acting Secretary of State in the absence of Secretary Stimson, and without referring the matter to the White House. However, it was revealed that the policy, which herebefore has gone unannounced, was decided upon six months or more ago, when an inquiry was received from an American company as to the feasibility of selling submarines to the Russian Government.

Beyond the Pale. The decision means that Russia, in the matter of exportation of military equipment from the United States, is placed even more beyond the pale than China. By resolution of Congress the President is empowered to impose embargoes on the shipment of military supplies to Latin-American countries and to China. At present such restrictions are in force against Nicaragua and China, but to both countries exportations may be made on specific licence from the State Department to the governments.

In the case of Russia there can be no such shipments, even to the Government. Moreover, this policy has been adopted on broad grounds. That the embargo was due to the absence of diplomatic relations was generally accepted as more of a formal than a substantial reason. In fact, it was tacitly admitted in official circles that it was due "to certain recent developments."

What these were were not disclosed. In some speculation there was a tendency to assert that possibly the disturbed conditions in India and Afghanistan across the Russian border have led to some request, formal or informal, from Great Britain. Other views were that the policy was based on the broad grounds that Russia might become a disturbing factor in the world.

BALLET DANCING.

DANGER OF STRAINING THE MUSCLES.

Is toe-dancing harmful to very young children? The question has been perplexing parents whose children are learning ballet dancing.

A number of leading teachers in London and several medical men told an Evening News correspondent that toe-dancing is harmful. The principal of the John Tiller School of Dancing said the strongest child should not begin at an earlier age than five, and that, for two years at least the exercises should be very gentle.

Miss Jeanie Smurthwaite, of the Smurthwaite School of Dancing, said: "Children should not be allowed to dance on their toes until they are eight. Before then they should be given only feet-strengthening exercises."

"Without such preparation they will develop bent knees and weak ankles, which is very bad from the dancing point of view."

"The toe joints of a child of three are too soft even for its own small weight."

Medical opinion is that toe-dancing at an earlier age than eight throws too great a strain on undeveloped muscles, and is liable to result in general weakness.

"It might strain the heart as well as the feet," said one doctor.

FIRST PEKINESE.

In connection with the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle it is stated that it was his younger brother, also dead some time now, who took back with him from China what was the first Pekinese dog to be introduced into Great Britain.

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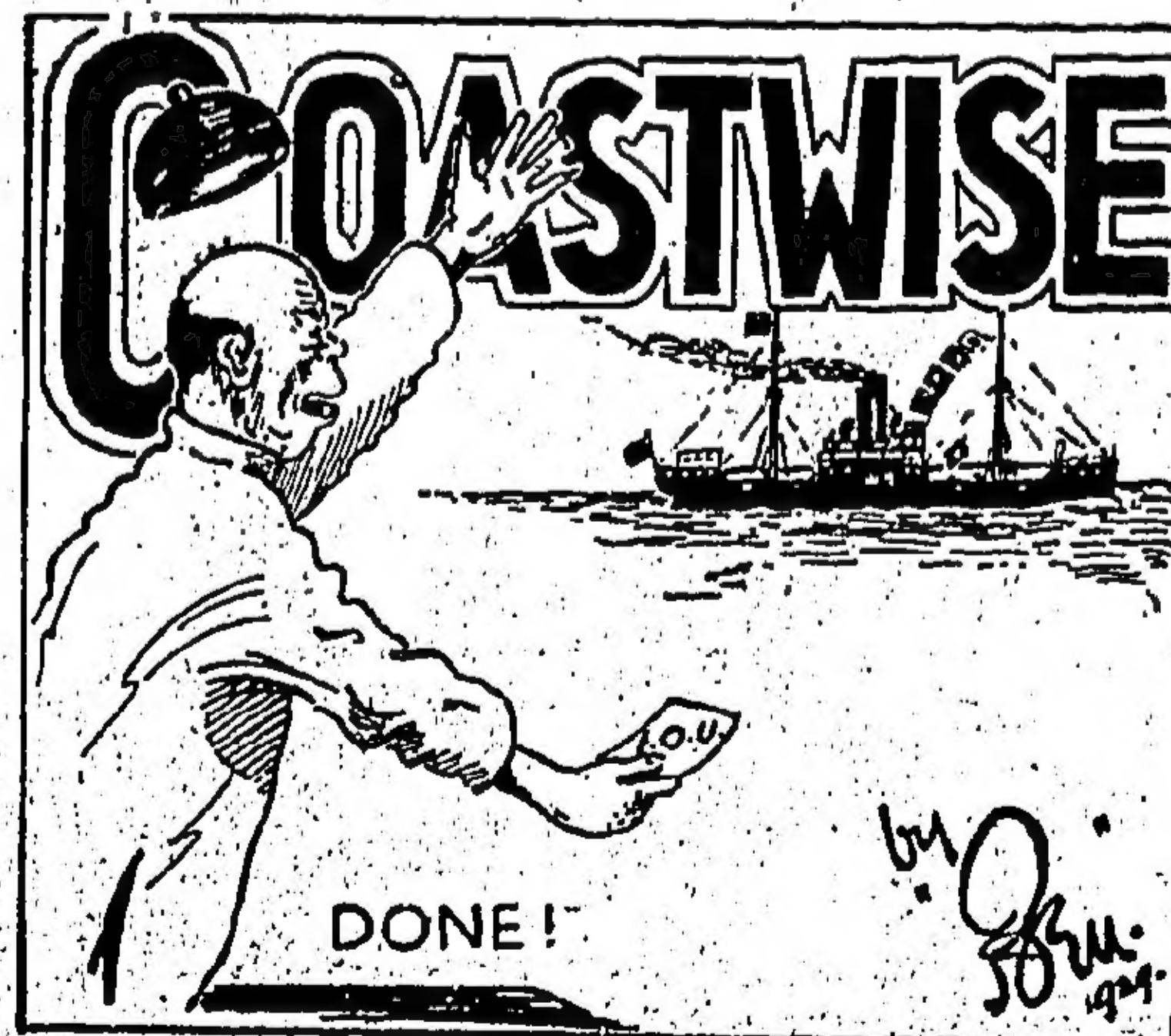
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WILLING VOLUNTEERS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A bulletin issued to-day regarding the Duke of Northumberland, who has been seriously ill since undergoing an operation, says that he had a very fair night. Very slight improvement in his general condition is noted. Hopes of strengthening the Duke's condition by blood transfusion were abandoned after many tests to find one of the British Red Cross Society's volunteers with blood compatible with that of the Duke. All tests revealed that the blood was not suitable. Earl Percy, the elder son of the Duke, was one of the first of the volunteers.

"It is uncommon for us to be unable to find someone with blood to suit an individual case," an official of the British Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service said, "though I have known similar instances. We have thousands of volunteers who give their blood willingly when called upon."—British Wireless Service.

AIR PILOTS.

GREAT ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK.

New York, Yesterday.
A warm official welcome was given to the most distinguished assemblage of pilots ever gathered—including the United States Naval Lieutenant, Williams, the British Schneider Cup pilot, Lt. Atherley, and eminent Italian, French and German airmen—who are here to attend the national air races at Chicago on August 23.—Reuter's American Service.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2374, situated in Prince Edward Road was sold by public auction yesterday at the Crown Land Office to Mr. S. H. Fong for \$12,500. The property has an area of 15,500 square feet.

MINOR "PIRACY."

BUCCANEERS IN BRITISH WATERS.

Chang Yung, master of a fishing boat of Sai Yung, in the Namto district, has reported to the Police that at 9 p.m. on August 16, whilst he was sailing his boat from Nam Tao, in Chinese Territory, to Lung Koo Tan, in British Territory, he was pursued by a small fishing boat containing about ten men.

The incident happened off Lam Kat Chiu. As he did not stop when called upon, three shots were fired at him. He then jumped into the water and swam ashore.

His boat was last seen sailing away with the captors' craft in the direction of Macao. The fate of Chang's three foks, who were aboard with him, is not known, as they have not been seen since. The loss is estimated at \$473.

SMUGGLED CIGARS.

EMPRESS COOK CAUGHT IN ACT.

A Chinese who described himself as a cook employed on board the s.s. Empress of Asia was to-day charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy with the unlawful possession of 85 dutiable Manila cigars which he had attempted to bring ashore.

Magistrate (to accused): Are you a cigar smoker?—Yes.
Detective-Sergeant Humphreys said that they were good European cigars and hardly the kind which a man of the accused's class would smoke.

In imposing a fine of \$10 and ordering the confiscation of the cigars, Mr. Whyte-Smith told the defendant that he was treating him leniently, because if he imposed the fine provided by law, (of ten times the duty payable) he would have had to pay \$20.

ATLANTIC AIR SERVICES.

A Regular Airship Route to America.

FLOATING SEADROMES.

London, Yesterday.
When sufficient experience has been accumulated with experimental flights with the R.100 and R.101, it is intended, says the Colonial Office Conference blue book, to organize regular services between Cardington, Montreal, and New York. The three main routes are likely to be via Cape Farewell, Greenland, via Newfoundland, and via the Azores, while another route via the Faroes, Iceland, Greenland, Hudson Strait, and Winnipeg is at present being investigated by an expedition under Mr. H. G. Watkins, now in Greenland.

The blue book refers to the plans of America to establish floating seadromes at intervals of 300 nautical miles between New York and the Azores and the Azores and Plymouth for refuelling and repair purposes.—Reuter.

NAVAL TREATY.

PRIVY COUNCIL AT WORK IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Privy Council's examination committee for the London Naval Treaty began its formal consideration of the Treaty at a meeting to-day held at the Imperial Palace.

It is understood that to-day's session was largely devoted to drawing up the agenda for further meetings.—Reuter.

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